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Trade gap continues to shrink

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Israel's trade deficit continued to shrink last month. In the first eight months of 1984, the deficit totalled \$1.9 billion, 25 per cent less than the figure for January-August 1983.

Figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics showed that the large drop in the trade deficit was achieved through a 12.5 per cent rise in exports and a 4.3 per cent decrease in imports.

Last month the country imported goods costing some \$260 million more than it exported. This is \$140m. less than the trade deficit for August 1983. When seasonal factors are accounted for, the bureau said, the August deficit was 40 per cent less than the one for July.

The CBS figures showed that in the first eight months of the year the country exported goods worth some \$3.5b. as compared with \$3.1b. in the same period in 1983. This represents a 12.5 per cent increase in exports.

Industrial exports, excluding diamonds, registered an even larger increase during the last eight months - 16.1 per cent over their level for January-August 1983. Exports of manufactured goods totalled \$2.4b. since the beginning of the year.

Agricultural exports, on the other hand, went up only 6.5 per cent. The value here is citrus exports, which dropped 22.4 per cent; other farm exports actually grew 24.4 per cent.

The export figures for the month of August alone showed that the upswing in the sales abroad has continued in full force, despite signs of slowdown in June and July. Last month the exports of goods totalled \$366m., 25 per cent more than in August 1983.

Even more encouraging were figures for industrial exports. They went up almost 30 per cent to \$309m. Imports totalled \$5.4b. in the first eight months of the year - some 4.3 per cent less than the figure for the same period in 1983.

Average monthly imports this year have remained constant at \$600m., after accounting for seasonal factors, the bureau said. This figure excludes diamonds.

Imports of durable consumer items during the first eight months of the year were 33 per cent less than in the same period last year. Import of these items now averages \$50m-\$60m. monthly.

Numeiri: Arabs should negotiate with Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sudanese President Ja'afar Numeiri says that Israel is a fait accompli and it is impossible to throw the Israelis into the sea. He told the Kuwaiti journal *Al-Nahda* that the military option was no longer viable, and the Arabs should conduct political negotiations with Israel.

Numeiri said that it was to be regretted that Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestinians had not joined the Camp David peace process along with the rest of the Arab world.

Diplomatic ties established with Belize

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel is to establish diplomatic relations with the Caribbean state of Belize, formerly British Honduras. Making the announcement yesterday, the Foreign Ministry said that the relations would be at ambassadorial level, and that both countries would appoint non-resident ambassadors within a few weeks.

Galei Zahar reported that negotiations had been going on for the past year. Belize, which has been receiving agricultural assistance from Israel, became independent from Britain in 1981.



Chief of the General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy is escorted by the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John Vessey, as they prepare to review troops at the Pentagon yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

Reagan, Mondale bid for the Jewish vote

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. - President Ronald Reagan yesterday brought his campaign directly to the American Jewish community, restating strong support for his September 1, 1982 Arab-Israeli peace plan.

Reagan addressed the B'nai B'rith International convention here two hours after his Democratic challenger, Walter Mondale, appeared before the same gathering.

Mondale, while asserting that he has been working some 25 years "for a strong Israel," did not expound on the situation in the Middle East, but rather addressed the controversial matter of politics and religion. His aides said he is planning a major Middle East speech in Washington on September 17, the anniversary of the Camp David accords.

Reagan, reviewing his support for Israel, quoted Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as saying that American-Israeli ties have never been better; but he broke no new ground in his carefully-worded statement.

"We who are friends of Israel may differ over facts, but our goal remains always unchanged: permanent security of the people of that brave state," Reagan said. "In this great enterprise, the U.S. and Israel stand forever together."

In his 30-minute speech, Reagan made no mention of Lebanon and the failures of U.S. policy there.

But he did insist that his 1982 peace initiative represented "a set of fair and balanced positions on the key issues - issues which the negotiating parties must deal with to achieve a lasting peace. The positions I outlined included our firm opposition to the formation of any independent Palestinian state. Today, those positions remain fully valid, and they represent the foundation of our continuing labours."

But Reagan promised that the U.S. "will never attempt to impose a solution on Israel."

The president referred to three areas where he said "concrete"

progress in U.S.-Israel relations has been made. "We have upgraded and formalized our strategic cooperation. For the first time in history, under our administration, the U.S. and Israel have agreed on a formal strategic relationship." He said the two countries' "joint efforts" are designed "to counter the Soviet threat to our mutual interests in the Middle East."

"Second, we have markedly increased our economic assistance to Israel." He pointed to the \$9.5 billion provided to Israel between 1981 and the present and noted that this year's \$2.6b. package for Israel is all in the form of grants - no loans.

"Third, we have begun formal negotiations with Israel for a free trade area agreement." He said this agreement, when signed and ratified, "will enable that vital economic partnership" between the U.S. and Israel "to grow even more quickly in years to come."

Reagan again promised that the U.S. would walk out of the UN "together with Israel" if it is ever expelled.

Mondale earlier sharply attacked Reagan's recent pronouncements blurring the traditional differences in America between church and state. This has become a major issue in the campaign, especially in the Jewish community, following Reagan's controversial comments in Dallas last month.

Reagan, seeking to clarify his position, yesterday said that the U.S. "is, and must remain, a nation of openness to people of all beliefs," including those who "choose no religion at all. Their rights shall not be questioned or violated by the state."

Both Mondale and Reagan were warmly received by the more than 1,200 delegates at the Sheraton Washington Hotel.

"All my life," Mondale said, "I have fought anti-Semitism. All intolerance is ugly, whether it wears the sheets of the Ku Klux Klan or spreads the stirs of the 'Christian Voice.' All hatred is poison, whether" (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Israel, U.S. plan contingency action

Post Defence Correspondent

Israel and the U.S. are engaged in long-term planning for possible joint military action in situations where "both governments will consider that their interests are being threatened."

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Defence Minister Moshe Arens said that the strategic cooperation talks between the two countries are "clearly based on the assumption that we can visualize certain situations where the common interests of the two countries are threatened, and we agree that under these conditions, we would work in concert."

Stressing that any decision for

concerted action would be made by the governments in power at the time, and that in no way was Israel being placed in a direct confrontation situation with the Soviet Union, Arens said that what was happening at this stage was pre-planning for future contingencies.

If the situation were to arise where cooperation is necessary, "it will be impossible to react in a haphazard way. Pre-planning is necessary to allow us to work in concert," he said.

Arens said that the talks were progressing far better than either side had anticipated and that strategic cooperation is based on a mutual appreciation of the military capabilities of both sides. (See page five)

Unity government next week but discontent in both camps

Shamir facing dissent over party portfolios

By ASHER WALLFISH

Post Knesset Correspondent
Herut Party leaders are looking forward nervously to their central committee meeting early next week, which is to approve the Herut ministers in the national unity coalition.

Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon, who is to return from the preliminary hearings of his libel suit against *Time* magazine in New York, poses the big question mark for the committee.

In telephone interviews from New York, Sharon has complained that the Likud is not getting a fair deal, thus implying that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was too easy-going in the negotiations with Labour. Sharon said yesterday that his role in the national unity cabinet would be determined at the central committee meeting.

The committee, according to precedent, would endorse a slate of

ministers presented by the prime minister. However, central committee members have aired demands this week for a democratic vote to choose the Herut ministers. Circles close to Shamir have pooh-poohed the idea.

One Herut Knesset member told *The Jerusalem Post*: "Menachem Begin could get away with presenting a slate and not cause a fuss, but Shamir is not Begin, and we are not the same Herut any more."

Herut central committee members understand Sharon's remark as meaning that he would like an open vote for the ministers, to prove that he is the third most influential vote getter in the central committee after Shamir and Deputy Prime Minister David Levy.

The Post was told that Sharon does not expect to get a portfolio that has already been promised to

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Rabin would not take Rafal as deputy

By DAVID LANDAU

Jerusalem Post Reporters
Labour's defence minister-designate Yitzhak Rabin would balk at an attempt to name former chief of the general staff Knesset Member Rafel Eitan (Tehiya-Tzomet) as his deputy minister.

Rabin pointed out last night that the Labour-Likud coalition accord called for a Likud deputy minister at defence - not a Tehiya deputy minister.

He noted, though, that the question was hypothetical only, since he did not believe that Tehiya would join the unity government altogether.

Eitan told Israel Television's *Mabat* news programme that "in the present conditions" Tehiya was indeed opposed to joining. But its

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Tami bitter

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Senior Tami members yesterday accused the Likud of using Tami to prevent the Alignment from forming a narrow government, while not intending to fulfil the agreement reached with Tami on its positions in the government and next Knesset.

The accusations, raised at Tami's secretariat meeting, were borne out a little later by the results - or rather lack of them - of the meeting between Tami leader Aharon Abuhatzira and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

After the meeting, Tami's secretariat called for an urgent consultation this morning. In yesterday's secretariat meeting, Tami resolved to end the long negotiations with the Likud in the next two days.

Emerging from the meeting with Shamir, Abuhatzira, who refused to divulge details of the talk, rejected the notion that Tami had

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By ROY ISACOWITZ

DAVID LANDAU

and AVI TEMKIN

Jerusalem Post Reporters

Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir plan to present their unity cabinet to the Knesset next Wednesday or Thursday, but before that both will face grueling debates, replete with much criticism and dissatisfaction, in their respective party forums.

In Labour, dissent is welling up in many different parts of the party. In Likud, Ariel Sharon is apparently considering whether to spearhead an attack on the terms of the coalition accord.

In both parties, the leaderships remain supportive of the accord - but without overmuch zeal. "It's the best of a very, very bad job," said a senior Labour figure last night.

The leaders' own lack of enthusiasm makes it all the harder for them to quell rank-and-file doubts and resentments.

Peres and Shamir met briefly last night - for the first time in the prime minister's office - after another long day of negotiating and drafting by

lawyer-Knesset members and cross-contacts between the two big parties and various of the little parties.

Peres proclaimed that "the work on the structure and composition of the government is effectively completed." Shamir, as is his practice, was slightly more cautious. He spoke of "some problems" that remain unresolved. The two would meet again early next week, he said.

But Shamir too left no doubt that the deal would be clinched, and the unity government submitted to the party forums and then to the Knesset.

The two leaders gave different accounts of the problem of the National Religious Party's participation in the government. Peres said it had been "all wrapped up," whereas Shamir said "it is not yet clear."

Asked how the cabinet, which is to have 23 ministers if the NRP comes in, would be able to function effectively, Shamir said that the proposed "inner cabinet" would seek to hammer out "formulas for coexistence" on key policy issues.

Peres was asked why he had conceded the industry and trade portfolio to the NRP. (Continued on Page 13)

Shamir set to break promises to Shas over religion post

By ASHER WALLFISH

Post Knesset Correspondent
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has promised Labour leader Shimon Peres to try to get out of his commitment to give Shas the Religious Affairs Ministry.

A top Labour source told *The Jerusalem Post* that Shamir had refused to give this undertaking to the National Religious Party directly, because he is angry over the behaviour of its leaders in the coalition talks.

However, Shamir was willing to do Peres a favour because both the Likud and the Alignment believe they would feel more comfortable with NRP men in the cabinet, than with politically illigal and naive Shas men who are subservient to their supreme rabbinical authorities.

The Likud reproaches the NRP for its threat, at the crucial phase of the coalition negotiations, to join a

narrow coalition led by Labour if the Likud did not trim its demands.

Shamir, therefore, wants to get his revenge on the NRP. *The Post* was told, and so has declined in direct contacts with it to give a positive reply to the party's demand for the Religious Affairs Ministry.

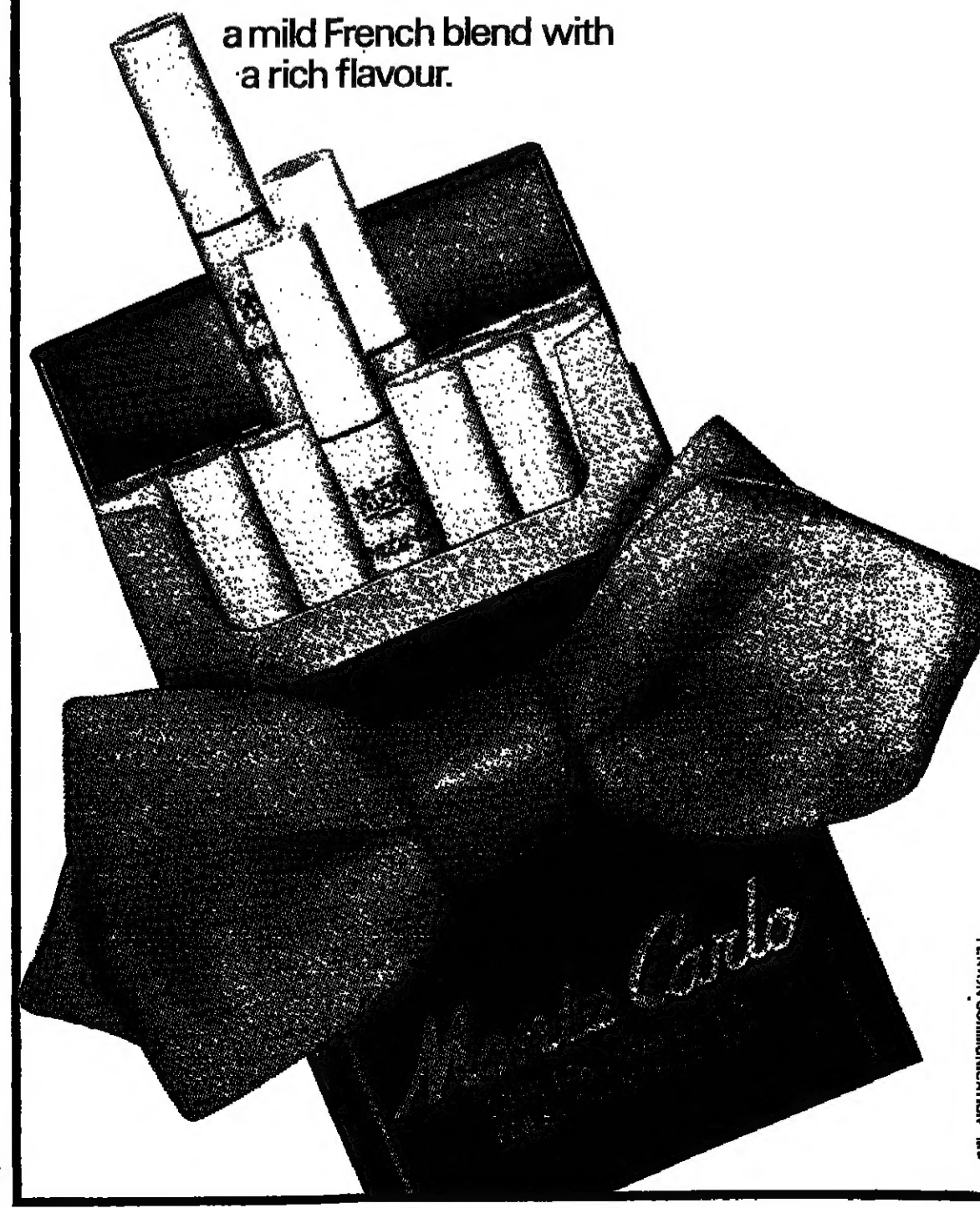
Both the Likud and Labour are no longer handling the NRP with kid gloves these days. *The Post* understands, Peres told NRP leaders that the Alignment had had "more than a bellyful of you people over the past seven years" and that Labour people no longer had the same respect for the NRP as before.

The very NRP move that irritated Shamir at the crucial phase of the coalition talks is being exploited by Labour to curry favour with

NRP leaders told Peres on Wednesday that Labour is in duty (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

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Sciaky tries to win NRP cabinet post for self

By DAVID LANDAU

and MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporters

While the National Religious Party's veteran leaders battled in Jerusalem yesterday to ensure their party's place in the unity cabinet, the new and energetic MK, Professor Avner Sciaky, was in Tel Aviv with

his supporters, planning how to win the cabinet place for himself.

Sciaky told *The Jerusalem Post* he was "being urged by party activists from all over the country to run for cabinet office. All the indications are that I shall do so," he said.

Sciaky made it clear that he intended to run against allcomers Yosef Burg, Ze'evulun Hammer, Avraham Melamed, Yehuda Ben-Meir, or whomever. "Our people want a new direction, a new style," he declared.

Political observers said Sciaky's challenge would mean an acceleration of the discord and infighting that have plagued the NRP for years. There is already deep regret in the veteran leadership over the co-optation of Sciaky as a Sephardi intellectual who, it was felt, would prove a vote-puller in the election.

Sciaky's success as a vote-puller is a matter of dispute, while his undisguised ambition and personality are matters of unanimous concern, distaste and apprehension in the rival Lamifac and Young Guard factions.

Sciaky himself sweeps aside all mention of these internal frictions in his rush of articulate rhetoric.

"I have no faction," he says. "I'm a new man. But men of all the factions support me. Wherever I went in the election campaign, people said: 'We want to see you represent us in the cabinet.'"

"Nor is my support communal. There were people from all communal backgrounds at the meeting - at party headquarters in Tel Aviv yesterday afternoon - Sephardi, Ashkenazi and Yemenite. You saw for yourself."

The Post saw about a score of people in Sciaky's room, all of them ardent and vocal in their support of him. They included the No. 5 man on the NRP Knesset list, Moshav activist Yosef Guetta, and a former key-man of the now-defunct Likud Utemura faction, Asher Lazimi.

A young (Ashkenazi) party worker, stalking the corridor outside, dubbed the gathering "a collection of all the people in the party with grips and chips on their shoulders."

Guetta said many of the moshavim felt alienated from the party mainstream and had long awaited "change and reconstruction" in the party. "We are disappointed," the moshav leader declared. Sciaky was "a personality who has entranced and attracted a great many people. There is a lot of support for him."

Guetta denied that he was being pressured to drop out of the Knesset list so that the next man, Melamed, could take a Knesset seat if the NRP's minister (or ministers) resigned from the House on taking office. And even if there were such pressure he would reject it out of hand, he added.

Sciaky's room itself is covered from floor to ceiling with posters advertising his election appearances, in towns and villages all over the country. "Come in, look around, see what he did," a supporter urged *The Post* reporters.

And even the cynic in the corridor conceded that Sciaky had worked harder, and more effectively, than

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FRANKFURT	18	28	14	64	Cloudy
GENEVA	11	32	18	64	Cloudy
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HONG KONG	25	77	30	64	Cloudy
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LONDON	17	63	17	64	Cloudy
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OSLO	6	43	17	64	Cloudy
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Tiberias	30	19-30	30
Nazareth	32	22-32	32
Afula	25	16-30	30
Tel Aviv	30	20-31	28
B-G Airport	33	20-32	31
Jericho	40	20-38	38
Gaza	68	22-29	28
Beersheba	37	19-33	32
Eilat	19	25-38	38

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The transport minister of Swaziland, Zif Sifo Shungavi, was received in Jerusalem yesterday by Transport Minister Haim Corfu.

ARRIVALS

Ruth and Sanford Batkin of Scarsdale, N.Y., Mr. Batkin is president of the U.S. Friends of David Yellin Teachers College. He will be conducting a series of meetings with the college dean, Dr. Norman Schuman, and members of the college's Israel board of directors, whose chairman is Judge Elazar Halavi.

DEPARTURES

Erwin Frenkel, editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, for Singapore, to attend a conference on "Societies and Cultures - Old and New," organized by the Asia Pacific Jewish Association.

Ex-chancellor Schmidt had Jewish grandfather

A new biography of former German Federal Republic Chancellor Helmut Schmidt discloses that he had a Jewish grandfather. This was reported last night by Israel Television. Schmidt's father was the out-of-wedlock son of a Jewish banker, the biography said.

Former prime minister Menachem Begin, who bitterly attacked Schmidt in February 1982 for his statements in Saudi Arabia, told the TV last night that he knew nothing, either then or now, of Schmidt's Jewish antecedents.

Levy's son's wedding like first gov't session

Jerusalem Post Reporter BEIT SHE'AN. - The "first session" of the national unity government took place here last night as most of the country's political leaders attended the marriage of Deputy Prime Minister David Levy's son Shimon to Zehava Elbaz.

Tourism Minister Avraham Shariar seemed to speak for many others when he told reporters: "This wedding symbolizes the national wedding."

Among those who attended were President Chaim Herzog - who interrupted a vacation at Lake Kinneret - Yitzhak Navon, Yosef Burg, Gideon Patt, Moshe Nissim, Moshe Arens and Eliezer Shostak.

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HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Stock market rally picks up steam

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. - "Next week will be much stronger," said one broker on his way out of the stock exchange yesterday. This prediction reflects how the action on the share market in the last few days has breathed new life into the previously moribund trading and infused new hope into the market community.

The turnaround began in August, but its gradualness at that time caused many observers to doubt its viability. This column, however, was pointing out on August 19 and 20 that the market had discounted every possible piece of bad economic news and had nowhere to go but up, on condition that investors could see a strong government emerge from the political imbroglio - and so it has proved.

Of course, no one yet knows whether the nascent national unity government will prove able to "deliver the goods," but it is clear that the professional investment community is prepared to give it the benefit of the doubt. This generous view is based on a cold-blooded, "no room for sentiment" approach, which says that any government will have to do more or less the same things in order to restore sanity to the economy, and that the worst aspect of the current situation is the anarchy caused by the lack of a real government.

Thus the news on Tuesday that Labour Party chairman Shimon

Peres and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir were getting together again, after the weekend breakdown of negotiations, was enough to move the pace of the share market's advance from a slow crawl to a swift canter. The key factor that had hitherto been absent - a serious level of volume - was beginning to reappear. The advance decline ratio, both of price movements overall and of sharp moves, swung lopsidedly in favour of gaining issues, so that yesterday the ratio was at almost 10:1 for the market as a whole.

The direction of the market beyond the next few days is unclear. Optimists believe that the current sharp rise will continue, possibly with spasms of profit-taking along the way, until shares have reached a level where more two-sided trading on a fairly large scale can take place.

In support of their view they cite the extreme dearth of "float" in the market, the result of the prolonged soaking up of available shares by insiders and smart investors during the long months of slump. These shares will not find their way back to market until their holders, who went into the market prepared to sit out a long slump, have made back all the real erosion due to inflation, and then added a hefty profit on top.

In other words, the prices of many issues may move up very rapidly by hundreds of per cent, and certainly by 50-100 per cent, before the main body of investors, from outside the

"inner-circle" of traders, will be able to buy stock in any relatively large quantity. In the case of some of the smaller companies, this process is already well under way, and firms with larger capital bases began to roll forward only in the last few days.

However, there is another, more cynical view, which says that the present rally is largely emotional, a collective sigh of relief at the possibility that somebody may at last actually do something about the country's real problems. After this initial euphoria dies down, the market will also settle back, until the publication of the long-awaited, much-debated economic plan. When such a thing emerges from the new government, then - and only then - will the market take notice and begin to move ahead on a massive scale.

Even then, in this view, the boom will be tempered by the certain knowledge that many companies will simply not make it through the recession that lies ahead. But those sectors that have a bright future, because of, rather than despite, the adoption of the "necessary measures," will more than make up for their less fortunate fellows.

Either way, the long-term outlook is positive, for large numbers of shares if not for all. But the key condition on which all prognoses are based, indeed the unspoken assumption that underlies them, is that the new government is going to get down to business fast.



Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kofek visits Anwar Nusseibeh yesterday as part of a series of visits to Arab dignitaries on the occasion of the Al Adha feast. Kofek also published a greeting to the city's Moslem residents, stressing the feast's traditional theme of "May the whole year be one of peace" and his personal commitment to struggle against any expression of extremism or intolerance - Jewish or Arab.

(Rahamin Israeli)

Woman remanded in TA gold robbery

TEL AVIV (Itim). - A woman was remanded for eight days by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday on suspicion of being involved with the gang that killed a taxi driver on Tuesday and wounded two others while stealing 15 kilograms of gold.

A police witness told the court that Lisa Pinhasoff, 20, supplied the gang with information enabling them to carry out the robbery in Rehov Kibbutz Galuyot. The police are interrogating 10 witnesses and fear the suspect might destroy the

evidence. They asked for a 15-day remand. The police showed the court classified papers that they said showed inconsistencies in the witness's testimony, and noted that she had been at the scene of the crime.

Counsel for Pinhasoff argued that his client, who was at the scene of the crime at the time of the shooting, would not have endangered herself by being there if she had known it was about to take place. He said she was still in a state of shock after the experience.

Nofesh Plus in settlement with airline

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The dispute between the Nofesh Plus travel agency and the Sun d'Or charter airline has ended, Nofesh Plus general manager Alex Barnea told a news conference yesterday. The attachment order on Nofesh Plus's bank accounts has been cancelled and the agency has resumed full activity, he said.

A press report about the dispute between Nofesh Plus and El Al's charter flight company, Sun d'Or, and an attachment order on Nofesh Plus's bank accounts because of a \$1.3 million debt last week, caused panic among the agency's clients and suppliers.

Barnea said that an agreement between Sun d'Or and Nofesh Plus, one of Israel's leading tourist agents, enables it to pay its debts to Sun d'Or

in monthly instalments.

The crisis actually erupted following an order last week by the Civil Aviation Authority banning Nofesh Plus's new subscription programme due to begin this October, because the aviation authorities had not approved the programme's prices.

Suppliers and clients of Nofesh Plus mistakenly thought the order banning the new programme meant Nofesh Plus was collapsing. As a result, Sun d'Or went to court for the attachment order, to make sure it would get money owed it by Nofesh Plus.

Nofesh Plus was already having some liquidity problems because of a tightening of credit by banks and new VAT regulations costing it \$300,000 a month. Barnea said, however, that the agreement with Sun d'Or will allow the travel agency to overcome its liquidity problems.

Boy run over by train, loses leg

A nine-year-old boy lost his leg yesterday when he was run over by the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv train between the Talpott industrial zone and Beit Safafa Village.

The boy, Azan 'Aliyan, of Beit Safafa, was taken in a police car to Shaare Zedek Hospital after the train hit him yesterday afternoon. He was transferred to Hadassah-Ein Kerem, which has special facilities

for such cases.

'Aliyan's condition was described as serious, as he suffered head wounds as well as losing his leg below the knee, and he underwent heart surgery.

The head of Magen David Adom in Jerusalem criticized the police for taking 'Aliyan in a police car instead of waiting for an MDA ambulance. (Itim)

Herzog cites tolerance in Id al-Adha speech

ACRE (Itim). - President Chaim Herzog said yesterday that "We Arabs and Jews are fated to live together, to create a society on the basis of coexistence and tolerance." He was speaking to Moslem notables from the north assembled at the Al-Jezza Mosque on the occasion of the Id al-Adha feast.

Herzog told the notables that since taking up his post, he is president of all the citizens of Israel, and he will continue to condemn extremism of any type apt to damage relations between communities.

Druse arrested after celebrations backfire

TIBERIAS. - The police yesterday arrested six Druse youngsters from the village of Shfar'am who fired rifles to celebrate the Moslem feast of Al-Adha. Several villagers were injured.

The youngsters, who also shot at cars on the Nazareth-Kiryat Ata road, had ignored police requests to stop.

The police last night turned down a request by Druse notables for the boys' release.

HEROIN. - More than one kilogram of heroin intended for sale in the U.S. was seized when the Yugoslav police arrested seven persons in the southern city of Skopje.

JEWISH VOTE

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it comes from the mouth of Rabbi Kahane or the radio programme of Louis Farrakhan.

Reagan also attacked "intolerance, anti-Semitism, or bigotry of any kind." He added: "We have no place for haters in America."

Mondale was applauded when he expressed support "in an America where all people have the right to pursue their faith not just freely, but also without insult or embarrassment; where religious freedom is not a passive tolerance, but an active celebration of our pluralism."

Mondale also lashed out against the politically active Christian right, particularly those fundamentalist preachers who have strongly endorsed the Reagan campaign.

"It is troubling," he said, "that Reverend Jimmy Swaggart, who insists that Catholicism is a 'false religion,' and that Jews are damned to go to hell, is a welcome policy adviser at the White House."

"Listen to Jerry Falwell," Mondale said, "whose benediction at the Republican convention called Mr. Reagan and Mr. Bush 'God's instruments for rebuilding America.'"

PROMISES

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"We take that promise with a pinch of salt," one Labour MK told *The Post*.

Some Aguda leaders are spreading claims within their own circles that they have a verbal promise from Peres to allow a free vote in the Labour wing of the Alignment faction on Halachic conversion when the Law of Return amendment comes up.

If that is true, the amendment would have enough support to pass, since Shamir has already promised the Aguda that with three of four "exceptions of conscience," the Likud will be committed on bloc to supporting the amendment.

But two informed Labour MKs assured *The Post* that whatever Peres may have told the Aguda leaders was not considered as a commitment on his part.

The amendment would only need the extra 10 Labour votes to pass, and it would garner more than 10 if Peres gave the faction a green light.

S. Lebanese merchants ask to ship via Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. - A group of South Lebanese merchants has asked the Israel Defence Forces for permission to establish a sea lane between Haifa and the ports of Tyre and Sidon.

The merchants explained that with the difficulties of land transport within Lebanon and between the two ports and Beirut, their goods could reach European markets fastest via Haifa.

David Amid, Jerusalem hotelier, dead at 80

David Amid, the founder of the Kings Hotel in Jerusalem, died yesterday at the age of 80. He was born in the Persian town of Kashan and came to this country with his family in 1951.

He was known for his contributions to the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus, donating the funds to build several lecture halls, particularly the law faculty. He was also a contributor to the Jerusalem Foundation.

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TAMI BITTER

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waited for the highest bidder until it was too late.

"I did not make a mistake. Maybe someone else did," he said. "If I had wanted it, a narrow government would have been formed 10 days ago. But Tami stuck to his position. A narrow government would not have been able to function. Soon you will all see how right I was."

A senior Tami source told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the Liberal faction was to blame for the footdragging in the negotiations between Tami and the Likud.

"Shamir had reached an agreement with Abubatzira but the Liberals opposed it, because they

Group renews efforts to rescue Wallenberg

The Public Council for the Rescue of Raoul Wallenberg, under the auspices of Yad Vashem, has renewed activities on behalf of the Swedish diplomat who saved Hungarian Jews during World War II, Yad Vashem chairman Gideon Hausner has announced.

Wallenberg was arrested by the Soviets in Budapest in 1945 and has not been heard from since.

Hausner said the council will call on Communist parties throughout the world to use their connections with the Soviet party to act on Wallenberg's behalf.

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High-level authority sought for fighting emigration

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 ELI, the voluntary organization for the prevention of emigration, has called for the creation of a top government post to take urgent action to prevent yerida.

The group has sent telegrams to prime minister-designate Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir urging them to appoint a deputy prime minister or at least a minister to coordinate government efforts.

This latest appeal has been made by Shmuel Lahis, former Jewish Agency director-general, who established ELI (Citizens to Prevent Emigration) three years ago.

At the start of his campaign in August, 1981, Lahis won a compromise from the then-prime minister Menachem Begin. Knesset Member Dov Shilansky was appointed deputy prime minister in the prime minister's office in charge of preventing emigration.

Asked whom he would favour to head an anti-yerida ministry, Lahis suggested either Labour's Yitzhak Navon or Herut's Ariel Sharon. He said that Navon, the former president, obviously cared about the subject, and that Sharon was a "bulldozer" who gets a job done.

Lahis fears that the economic crisis could lead to a sharp increase in emigration. "Only coordinated government efforts can reduce yerida," he warned.

Lahis credited ELI as successfully lobbying the government for the passing of the Demobilized Soldiers' Law, aimed at helping young army veterans with customs reductions on basic household goods.

Gem industry decries 'witch hunt'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 TEL AVIV. — Diamond Exchange president Moshe Schnitzer yesterday called the police to call off what he termed their "witch hunt" against the diamond polishers and merchants, saying that "otherwise, the adverse publicity due to police searches will cause the entire industry irreparable harm."

He added that the purchase and sale of diamonds "is often a very delicate matter, for many persons do not wish any news of their activities to reach the press or the authorities. If that happens they will simply go elsewhere to buy diamonds."

Schnitzer warned that the merchants and polishers would simply "close up their shops and plants until the matter was clarified." A decision to go out on strike was taken yesterday morning at an emergency meeting of the members of the Diamond Exchange, he said. But no date was set for the action.

However, Schnitzer said, the merchants and the polishers welcomed any "legitimate police action if it was based on a firm complaint."

The "witch hunt," Schnitzer said, started one month ago, when the police received a court order to seal the safe-deposit boxes of 11 merchants on suspicion of irregularities. After a few days, the police released contents of six boxes; five are still sealed.

The strange thing about the police



Moshe Schnitzer

action, Schnitzer said, "is that it was not based on any formal complaint, neither by the Bank of Israel, nor by the commercial banks, nor by the Finance Ministry, nor by anyone else. The police simply began sealing safe-deposit boxes on the basis of suspicions, rumours and tips from squealers."

He explained that under the arrangements formulated by the Bank of Israel, each merchant or polisher obtains a loan from a bank to buy rough stones, or polished ones, using these same diamonds as collateral. Each person makes his own arrangements with his own bank.

However, these loans are obtained at particularly low interest rates fixed by the government. The police, Schnitzer said, "suspected,

without any firm basis," that the diamond merchants were obtaining huge loans (at favourable interest rates) without buying diamonds, or not as many diamonds as they had declared.

Merchants could then make loans to others at high interest rates. The only way the police can prove a false declaration had been made is to check the size of the loan obtained at a commercial bank against the contents of a safe deposit box to see if they match.

Schnitzer said that it was quite possible that there was no coordination in some cases. "Merchants daily sell diamonds; they daily buy new ones. But in the long run, generally in the very short run, there is a very close match between the loans or credit and the actual collateral."

He recalled that the Belgium diamond industry received a huge boost some 50 years ago when the Dutch police began raiding Dutch diamond merchants, giving the industry a bad name. The buyers went to Belgium.

"The same can happen here," he warned.

In 1983, Israel exported slightly more than \$1 billion in diamonds. Of this sum, about 20 to 25 per cent was added value. About 8,200 persons are employed as polishers, and about the same number make their living from the sale of polished stones.

Shortage of soya oil forecast

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A severe shortage of soya oil is anticipated unless the authorities reverse their present policies. Binyamin Gibli, head of Koor Foods, said yesterday. He was speaking at a press conference on behalf of Shemen, which is part of Koor Foods, and the country's other five oil-refining companies.

Gibli said that all six factories have enough oil on hand for only three days of work. But he did not know how much edible oil has been warehoused, or stored by the retail outlets and networks. Moreover, he admitted that "six days after we get raw material, we can have oil in the bottles and on the way to the store shelves."

The dispute between the oil refineries and the Ministry of Industry and Trade goes back two years. The refineries at that time complained that their costs of production had risen considerably, and that they should be permitted to raise prices.

"Since the government imports soya beans (the raw material), since it allocates the soya beans, and since it sets prices at every level, it is up to the government to examine the problem and reach a decision," Gibli said.

The ministry investigation found that production costs had indeed risen by 15 per cent.

The ministry agreed to let the manufacturers raise the prices by 15 per cent on condition that the profit they made, which is based on a percentage of their turnover, be reduced from 3.9 per cent of the turnover to 1.9 per cent. The manufacturers agreed to lower their profit, but only to 3.4 per cent. They also demanded that they be permitted to adjust their price calculations every month, and not every two months as at present; and that a neutral arbitrator be appointed to settle outstanding issues.

The ministry not only refused, Gibli said, "but countered by importing 10,000 tons of soya meal from Spain, and slowed down the import of soya beans."

Haifa workers end strike after getting salary promise

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 HAIFA. — The 5,000 municipal employees are to end their strike and return to normal work today after being promised payment of their August salaries.

Mayor Arye Gurel told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he had arranged a bank loan totalling IS300 million, which, together with the city's own income and a grant from the Interior Ministry, would be enough to pay the IS760 million wages bill.

He said that some of the workers had received their money yesterday and the rest would be paid today.

Gurel stressed, however, that a long-term solution to the city's finan-

cial problems is not yet in sight.

The one-day strike brought all municipal services, including the Carmelit subway, to a standstill. Sanitation services will still not be fully back to normal today due to the absence of 400 Moslem workers who are celebrating the feast of Id al-Adha, which ends tomorrow.

City Hall, meanwhile, is locked in an argument with the Interior Ministry over its current IS14.5 billion budget which the ministry has ordered cut by nearly a third.

Gurel, however, charged that all the cuts already made have been wiped out by loan service charges because the ministry consistently failed to pay Haifa its allocation on time.

Teachers threaten battle over job cuts

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 TEL AVIV. — Bantling teachers have pledged to fight against job losses and extra cuts in the education budget.

The warning came yesterday from the Histadrut Teachers Union and the Secondary School Teachers Association.

It follows a letter from Education Ministry director-general Eliezer Shmueli to Finance Ministry officials in which he said that tenured teachers could face dismissal.

The threat will come if the ministry is forced to cut another 32,000 teaching hours as demanded by the Finance Ministry.

Shmueli reminded the Finance

Ministry officials of a document, which they themselves wrote and in which they admitted that the educational system had already cut its required 3 per cent.

The teachers recalled that there had already been a one-day teachers' strike last year in protest against budget cuts exceeding the agreed-upon 3 per cent.

Though the teachers signed an agreement this week preventing them from striking for the next four months, they say they will find ways (disruptions short of a general strike or a strike when the four-month moratorium ends) to protect teachers' jobs and to prevent further budget cuts that will hurt pupils.

Likud is sued for old campaign debt

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A body set up by the Likud to run its campaign in last year's municipal elections is being sued by Kfar Hamaccabia for unpaid bills run up during the campaign.

Kfar Hamaccabia is suing "Likud Administration 1983" for IS2,768,000. The Likud body has not yet replied to the suit.

According to the suit, submitted in Tel Aviv District Court, the Likud

body used Kfar Hamaccabia's facilities and services for former Ramat Gan mayor Yisrael Peled's re-election campaign last year, and paid a IS600,000 advance.

Kfar Hamaccabia argues that a detailed bill was sent to Likud Administration 1983 on election day, and that warning letters have since been sent to the organization, but that the remaining bill has not been paid.

Court delays eviction of Gaza refugees

By DAVID MANDEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected a petition by 35 Palestinian refugee families in the Gaza District. The government wants to evict them from their illegally built homes in Beit Lahia to make way for a comprehensive rehabilitation plan for refugees in the nearby Jabalya camp. But a 1½-year-old temporary injunction against the evictions was kept in force for another six months, during which the two sides were instructed to seek a compromise.

The military government has offered compensation to some of the refugees, who squatted on the state-owned land at various times after they fled their homes in what became Israel in 1948. The Egyptian government did not evict them. In trying to do so now, however, the Israeli authorities are relying on Egyptian law, which, unlike Israeli law, does not recognize ownership

on the basis of extended possession. Petitioners who own land elsewhere were not offered compensation, according to their lawyer, Felicia Langer. But most of them, she said, cannot afford to build new homes on that land, even if it is suitable for such construction.

The petitioners relied in their suit on estoppel — the authorities' failure to act until now, recognized in the common law tradition as sometimes granting a right — and on international law. The 1907 Hague convention, Langer argued, obliges an occupying power to act in a manner consistent with the public welfare, except in cases having to do with military security, which the present case does not.

Justices Miriam Ben-Porath, Shlomo Levin and Tova Strasberg-Cohen disagreed, however, confirming that Egyptian law, which does not recognize estoppel, applies. The purpose of the government's action, they further ruled, is also clearly for

the general good of the area's residents.

The justices nevertheless seemed reluctant to totally reject the petition, and asked state representative Renato Jarach if the military government would be willing to defer the eviction until the refugee rehabilitation plans are ready to be implemented. But he refused, and was visibly disappointed by the six-month delay granted, along with instructions to negotiate for fair compensation.

In another petition brought by Langer yesterday on behalf of the family of Abdul-Latif Omar, Jarach announced that the military government would reconsider the sealing of Omar's home in the village of Al-Maskufi near Talkarna in Samaria. Omar was convicted of attempting to commit a terrorist act two years ago and is now serving a prison sentence. But other members of his family who were not involved remain unable to use the house.

Haifa Symphony opens Bonifacio festival

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Haifa Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Urs Schneider, on Wednesday night gave the opening performance at the first annual arts festival at Bonifacio, Corsica. Called "Mediterranean Encounters," the festival aims to bring all the countries of the Mediterranean Basin closer through cultural ties.

The orchestra arrived Wednesday morning on a special El Al flight, which established the first direct air connection between Israel and Corsica. Symphony members were met warmly by an enthusiastic crowd at Bonifacio, the island's capital.

Security arrangements were tight, due to the recent activities of a separatist underground. Army and police units provided security at the concert and manned roadblocks.

The orchestra's visit has received extensive press coverage, both on

Corsica and in Nice, and the concert was broadcast live on French Television's Channel 3. The television station interviewed Zecharia Drucker, chairman of the orchestra's board of directors, and general manager Haim Shafir. Shafir was asked to promise that the orchestra would make a return visit to Corsica.

The concert, which began at 9 p.m., was attended by thousands of enthusiastic listeners from all over the island, who kept the orchestra playing encores until the early hours of yesterday morning.

At a champagne reception afterward, the mayor of Bonifacio said he hoped this would be the first of many contacts between Corsica and Israel. He said the city council would meet soon to examine the possibility of establishing cultural, tourism, commercial and agricultural ties with Israel.

Rafah border post blocked by farmers in tomato protest

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — Farmers in the Hevel Katif and Hevel Shalom areas of the western Negev yesterday closed the approach to the Rafah border-post for five hours, in protest against the government's subsidies and allocations policy for tomato exports.

The families, who grow two dunams of tomatoes under glass, are allocated 10 tons per season under an agreement with the Agriculture Ministry. They contend that this allocation is insufficient and are demanding higher guaranteed prices and to be permitted to grow 14 tons per family.

As a result of their action, which began at dawn, travellers going to Egypt were forced to walk several hundred metres on foot. They lifted their roadblock at 11:30 a.m., saying that they would give the ministry more time to solve their problems.

A representative of the farmers said that, apart from being permitted to grow 14 tons of tomatoes instead of 10, they also demanded a guaranteed price of \$1,000 per ton, instead of the current \$700.

IMPERSONATION. — A youth impersonating a police officer took 200 marks (IS23,000) from a tourist in the Jaffa flea market yesterday, saying that he would check whether the banknotes were genuine, and ran off with the money.

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By LEA LEVAVI

Supporting the arts can be profitable. This will be the message of a study day for local businessmen scheduled to be held at the Manufacturers Association in Tel Aviv on Wednesday.

Barry Swersky, vice president of the Israeli branch of the International Theatre Association (I.T.A.) and director-general of the Bat Dor Dance Company, is one of the prime movers in this effort to interest Israeli businessmen in the arts.

Swersky emphasizes, however, that the organization he hopes will grow out of next week's study day, entitled "Arts Are Your Business," is a businessman's organization and not another group of arts people.

"The invitations to the study day came from I.T.A., the Manufacturers Association, the Council on Arts and Culture and the Arts and Culture Department of the Ministry of Education, but we hope to form a committee of interested businessmen themselves who will carry on from there," he says.

His model is Absa (Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts) in Great Britain, whose former director Luke Rittner, now secretary general of the Arts Council of Great Britain, will be Wednesday's key speaker.

Absa provides guidance to businessmen on how to choose arts



Luke Rittner

projects to sponsor and offers incentives in the form of prizes for the most innovative sponsorship projects. When Absa started in 1978, British business devoted about £600,000 to the arts; today the figure is £15m. Swersky estimates that Israeli firms probably allocate a total of around \$200,000 to the arts today, which he would like to see climb to \$2m. in a few years.

"This is not charity, but a partnership of equals," he stresses. "Business gives money to the arts for the public relations and advertising benefit. You get your name on a different page of the newspaper."

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Sharpeville blacks halt cabinet ministers

SHARPEVILLE, South Africa. — Senior cabinet ministers who tried to tour a riot-torn township near here yesterday retreated before hundreds of blacks who blocked the road, eyewitnesses said.

They said Minister of Defence Magnus Malan, Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange, Internal Affairs Minister F.W. de Klerk and Education Minister Gerrit Viljoen drove into Sebokeng in two buses sandwiched between armoured personnel carriers.

But their attempt to defuse tension after 31 people died in riots this week ended prematurely when they were forced to turn back before the crowd and retreat to their helicopter.

Police advanced and the crowd moved back without violent incident, the witnesses said.

"At present the situation is tense but quiet," said Lt. Henry Beck

from police headquarters in Pretoria.

He reported scattered skirmishes in several townships between police and crowds of blacks who stoned and burned a number of cars and buses and set alight a cafe.

But few incidents occurred in the three black townships of Sharpeville, Sebokeng and Evaton, 75 kilometres south of Johannesburg where the worst rioting on Monday left 29 dead, thousands homeless and scores of shops destroyed and plundered.

Police headquarters ordered hospitals not to divulge injury figures and began issuing statements three times a day on riot-related incidents.

The official count of injuries in the rioting was 48, including 10 policemen, but newspapers reported about 300 people had been treated for riot-related injuries at hospitals in the three townships.

A delegation of community leaders met for eight hours Wednesday with government officials in Sharpeville over demands that rent hikes, which sparked the rioting, be scrapped. There were conflicting reports on the outcome.

Beck said police found the body of a black man in Sebokeng overnight and that a high-school pupil allegedly stabbed another student to death Wednesday during unrest in Vosloorus, west of Johannesburg.

More than 40,000 black miners will stage the first legal strike by black miners September 17 unless wage demands are met, the union declared yesterday.

The National Union of Mineworkers said in a statement, however, that it was "still prepared to consider a reasonable offer" from the Chamber of Mines, which represents mine owners. (AP, Reuters)

UK miners turn violent as more strikes loom

LONDON. — Pickets stoned policemen and set fire to a television crew's car yesterday when 3,000 striking miners tried to prevent two colleagues from returning to work at a northern England colliery.

Meanwhile talks in London, between the British Rail Board and the two main rail unions to try to avert a threatened nationwide union disruption of the state-run railroad network next week were adjourned on Wednesday.

The National Union of Railwaymen and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen have threatened to disrupt train services throughout Britain starting Monday.

The police said six officers and at least four miners were hurt at Kellingly colliery, north Yorkshire, when a small number of pickets in the crowd hurled bottles, stones and

chunks of concrete as the two rebels arrived in a speeding van.

One miner was taken unconscious to hospital and eyewitnesses said others staggered from the scene with blood streaming from head wounds. One policeman had a broken leg.

There were also clashes outside Wearmouth colliery in north-east England where 19 men reported for work in defiance of the six-month strike. Eight pickets were arrested.

Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's office said she would break a Scottish tour tomorrow and return to London for a meeting of ministers monitoring the coal strike and a 13-day national dock strike.

Prospects of an early settlement of the dispute in the state coal industry remained dim as both sides set stiff terms for negotiations proposed for next Sunday. (Reuters, AP)

Iraq rejects inspection of suspicious pesticide factory

BONN (AP). — Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz has denied reports that a pesticide plant under construction in Iraq with West German equipment could be modified to produce nerve gas.

Here on a three-day visit, Aziz said the news-media reports were untrue and that an inspection of the plant requested by the German Federal Republic was "unnecessary."

Aziz also denied reports that Iraq has used poison gas against Iranian troops in the Persian Gulf War.

Aziz has met with Bonn Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his opposite number Hans-Dietrich Genscher

since his arrival on Tuesday.

There was no official reply to his remarks from the Bonn government, which has asked Iraq to allow an on-site inspection of the pesticide plant by West German officials.

Kohl ordered an investigation on July 29 following GFR and U.S. news-media reports quoting unnamed "U.S. experts" as saying the plant could be modified to produce chemical weapons.

The West German company supplying the equipment, Karl Kolb Scientific Technical Supplies GMBH, has also denied that the "research equipment" sold to Iraq could produce nerve gas.

Iran's president on visit to Syria

DAMASCUS (AP). — President Ali Khamenei of Iran arrived in Damascus yesterday on what is believed to be the first visit by an Iranian president to Syria.

Khamenei and a delegation of political and military officials from Iran were greeted at the airport by Syrian President Hafez Assad and other high-ranking Syrian officials. Syria and Libya are the only Arab states that support non-Arab Iran in its 47-month-old war against Arab Iraq.

Iran, the official Iranian news agency, announced the trip but gave no details about the purpose of Khamenei's visit.

Eight killed in Santiago riots

SANTIAGO (AP). — Anti-government demonstrators blacked out and sealed off scores of neighborhoods with burning barricades early yesterday after a second day of civic protests against military rule paralyzed much of Santiago and pushed the national death toll to eight.

Although most Chileans ignored a call by Marxist and centrist political parties to stay at home on Wednesday, the two-day protest was one of the most effective actions against President Augusto Pinochet's regime in 16 months of growing opposition.

Thousands of truckers and shopkeepers stopped working to press for economic relief from a deep recession and university students boycotted classes to protest at being ruled by military rulers.

Violent clashes between riot policemen and unemployed youths in the working-class districts around the Andean capital, where a third of Chile's 11 million people live, prompted drivers to withdraw commuter buses early, and by sundown, the city centre was all but abandoned.

In selected neighbourhoods, riot policemen attacked the rock-throwing youths with gunfire and tear gas.



Leftists protest the visit to Tokyo yesterday of South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan. (UPI Telephoto)

Typhoon Ike leaves 898 dead and 1,000 injured or missing

MANILA (Reuters). — Nearly 900 persons were killed when Typhoon Ike slammed into the Philippines at the weekend — with one town losing hundreds of children, officials revealed yesterday.

Relief officials said 500 persons, mostly children, were killed in Marikina municipality on Mindanao island in the south of the country.

The town is on a lake and waves whipped up by the howling winds swept away many houses. Most of those lost were children who could not swim.

A civil defence spokesman said the latest casualty figures from Ike were 898 killed and nearly 1,000 injured or missing — making it the worst storm to hit the country since

World War II. Ike crossed into southern China yesterday after crossing the South China Sea and the Gulf of Tonkin, but it has now "weakened" into a tropical storm.

Amazon Indians kill two Brazil officials

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters). — Indians armed with war axes backed to death two government officials in a remote part of the Amazon jungle, a spokesman for Brazil's National Indian Foundation said yesterday.

He said the Indians, opposed to road-building projects and the encroachment of white civilization, ambushed the officials Wednesday.

Family says: Missing Argentine woman alive but still detained

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — A young Argentine woman who disappeared during military rule in 1977 is alive but still in a detention camp despite the country's return to democracy nine months ago, members of her family said yesterday.

Carlos Vinas told a news conference his sister Cecilia was being held at a secret navy detention centre from which she had telephoned her family eight times since President Raul Alfonsín took office in December.

He said the conversations indicated several other persons were also still being held.

"Vinas" and other human-rights activists at the news conference accused the government of bungling

efforts to discover where Cecilia was being held.

Family lawyer Mirta Guarina said approaches they had made to the government had been fruitless.

Vinas said the government had promised to keep the case confidential to protect his sister but officials leaked details to the public.

"We don't know if we are doing the right thing, if we are putting my sister's life in danger," Vinas said. But the family had no other alternative but to seek public support.

At least 10,000 people disappeared in eight years of military rule during which a campaign was waged against guerrillas and opposition groups.

Dali to have skin graft in life-or-death operation

BARCELONA (AP). — A team of surgeons is scheduled to perform a complicated skin-graft operation today on painter Salvador Dali in an attempt to save his life because of burns he suffered in a fire last week, a spokesman for the Pilar Clinic said yesterday.

The surgical team, led by Dr. Ramon Benedito, was expected to graft new skin on areas of the 80-year-old painter's upper legs and groin.

The surgeons said Wednesday the

frail, undernourished painter would most likely die from infection of the burned area if he did not undergo surgery.

Snow falls early

CHUR, Switzerland (AP). — Plunging temperatures, heavy rain and snow were reported in Alpine areas of Switzerland and Austria and southern Germany's Black Forest, abruptly ending the mountain summer season, officials said yesterday.

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Propeller-driven airliners may come back

FARNBOROUGH, England (Reuters). — The propeller, pushed into retirement by the jet engine two decades ago, may be about to make a comeback on civil airliners.

A full-size mock-up of a new propeller engine was unveiled at this week's Farnborough Air Show by U.S. engine builder General Electric (GE), whose vice-president said: "A major technology leap is in the offing."

Research in recent years has shown propeller engines could cut fuel consumption by half, slashing

costs and boosting aircraft range without necessarily affecting the performance achieved with jet power.

Ralph Robbins, in charge of airliner engine building at Rolls-Royce of Britain, says there is no doubt that fuel savings of a quarter or more would be irresistible to airlines. But it is only if these new "propan" engines, on which all the big firms already have based design ideas, can be made to work.

Robbins says all designers have encountered problems of noise, vibration and safety. "If these problems are solved the engines could be in service by the late 1990s. But they may not be solved," he added.

His production date forecast, which is several years later than GE's, is shared by the West Euro-

pean Airbus Industrie consortium.

"Preliminary analysis does not show sensible overall economic advantages with propan," Airbus said.

Propan engines are expected to be most suitable for relatively small 150-seater planes. This is expected to be the richest market in the next 15 years and it is a field in which General Electric's main rivals believed they had an advantage.

Rolls-Royce, Pratt and Whitney of the U.S. and a number of Japanese and West European firms joined forces recently to develop a new jet engine for planes of this size. But General Electric is hoping that resurrecting the propeller will give it the edge.

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Sports

Malmillian mauls Malta

By YARON KENAN

Israel will not remember with any great pleasure their 2-1 victory over the visiting Malta national side in a friendly soccer international yesterday. The international game came to a friendly end in Jerusalem in a hope, the FA had anticipated, that it would draw a crowd of supporters to turn out to back the national XI.

Such hopes were unfortunately illusory. There were 243 people on hand at the kick-off and although the numbers quadrupled when the gates were thrown open before half time the players could perhaps be forgiven for falling into a practice match atmosphere.

The league season in neither country has started yet and early season blues enveloped both squads. Still at times there was some committed running and some well thrown passes from the Israelis.

But they really ought to have come close to repeating the 12-1 drubbing of Malta handed them in a critical European championship match by Spain earlier this year.

Israel held territorial advantage for at least 80% of the proceedings, something not entirely unexpected against a small soccer nation which has only once back in 1980 ever won a championship match. That was over Iceland.

In fact it was the visitors who went ahead when the young Israeli goalie Bonnie Ginsburg committed a rookie error which will haunt him

many a long day. An easy long corner ball was all his for the taking. He went up and fluffed the cross completely. So surprised was the visiting centre forward, sweetly named Carmel Muscat (they also had a Joseph Borg in their line-up that he could only chest the ball forward. A huge by Gabry Luis failed to stop its slow momentum and Malta were one up.

One imagined this set-back would have spurred the Israelis to more imaginative endeavours. These were, however, few and far between.

It was left to local hero Uri Malmillian to save face. Malta will not forget his magic with the set piece. He curled a ball around the wall from a freekick and the hapless Bonello in goal could only watch it plunge into the back of the net.

Couch Yosef Mironowitch made no fewer than six changes in the second half, and Israel should in all honesty have scored that many goals. Only a scorching Malmillian drive from 20 metres a quarter of an hour from the end meant at least that Israel's long road in their year long preparations for the World Cup qualifiers has got off to a winning start.

The only really other bright thing for the memory was the inception of new friendly sporting ties with physically a not too distant, and, to judge by the attitude of their players, most genial neighbour.

Cash revives days of Aussie glory

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Australian men dominated the U.S. Open tennis championships in a 23-year span from 1951, with nine players scooping 14 singles titles.

But from 1974 until yesterday, no Australian man got as far as the semifinals.

Enter 19-year-old Pat Cash, who broke the long drought by beating fourth seed Mats Wilander of Sweden 7-6, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3, to reach the final four. Gone are the likes of Ken Rosewall, Neale Fraser, Roy Emerson, Rod Laver and John Newcombe, in 1973 the last Australian to win the title.

But Cash, a strong serve-and-volleyer, looks poised to revive Australian brilliance.

"I feel a little pressure when I'm at home — I feel the need to perform well," said Cash after storming the net at every opportunity to defeat Wilander. "I'm feeling more relaxed now because people expect me to do something and although I'm not 100% satisfied, I've shown I am going to do well," he added.

One of the game's most consistent baseline players, the 28-year-old Wilander was uncharacteristically erratic yesterday with his groundstrokes, and many of his shots went out by several feet. Cash pounded in five aces, retrieved brilliantly and scored with more than a dozen volley winners.

Cash was gracious in victory. "I think he was a bit below his best,"

the young Aussie said. "He's coming off an injury and I think I was lucky to get him when he's off his game."

Cash will meet second seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia in tomorrow's semifinal. If Connors and McEnroe win their quarterfinal clashes (against Gene Mayer and John Lloyd respectively), the Open will have the same four semifinalists as this year's Wimbledon, though in reverse matchups. Cash lost to McEnroe, the eventual winner, and Connors beat Lendl in the Wimbledon semifinals before being routed by McEnroe.

Defending champion and top seed Martina Navratilova and second-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd reached the semifinals among the women.

Navratilova won her 53rd consecutive match this year when she beat unseeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia 6-3 6-3. Lloyd got into the semifinals for the 14th successive year, beating Sylvia Hanika of West Germany 6-2 6-3.

Navratilova plays Wendy Turnbull, aged 21, of Australia, and Lloyd meets Carling Beudt, 16, of Canada.

In another upset the defending men's doubles champions — John McEnroe and Peter Fleming — were ousted in their semifinal by the Swedish pair Anders Jarryd and Stefan Edberg, 3-6, 2-6, 7-6.

In the second semifinal John McEnroe (Australia) and Tomas Spid (Czechoslovakia) def. Heinz Guntardt (Switzerland) and Balazs Taroczy, Hungary, 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

ITC Grand Prix under way tomorrow

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — American tennis prodigy Aaron Krickstein is among the first group of players due here today for the Carl Linder Israel Tennis Centre Classic, starting on Monday at the ITC's Ramat Hasharon courts. A two-day qualifying tournament gets under way at 9 a.m. tomorrow with the four semifinalists going through to the 32-strong main draw.

ITC executive director Ian Provan, who is also tournament director, has been informed by the ATP office in Paris that American-Jewish rackets Harold Solomon, 34, has withdrawn from next week's meet. Solomon, who was the 1978 Ramat Hasharon Grand Prix winner and returned a year ago, has just announced his retirement from the game.

Top-seeded Krickstein, 17, now ranked sixth in the world, is the youngest player to crack the singles top 10 since the ATP computer rankings began in 1973. The record was previously held by Sweden's Bjorn Borg, who was six months older than Krickstein when he broke into the top 10 category.

LATE NEWS

Jimmy Connors last night comfortably demolished John Lloyd 7-5, 6-2, 6-0 to take his place in the semi-finals.

Five-goal Forest sweep to the top

LONDON (Reuters). — Nottingham Forest striker Trevor Christie scored a second-half hat-trick as his team swept to the top of the English First Division with a 5-0 thrashing of Aston Villa.

Villa, the European Cup winners in 1982, were trailing by a solitary Ian Bowyer goal at halftime. But Christie, a £175,000 close season signing from Forest's relegated city neighbours Notts County, gave them no time to recover after the interval.

Manchester United, who were expected to be amongst the early front-runners, were held to a fourth consecutive draw 1-1, when Chelsea came from behind at Old Trafford.

Other midweek results: Luton 1, Watford 1; Norwich 2, West Ham 1; Arsenal 2, Newcastle 0; Luton 1, Liverpool 2; Sunderland 1, Tottenham 0; West Ham 3, Coventry 1.

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West Ham	4	2	1	1	6	6	7
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Moshe Arens: 'A smaller army is a risk that the government is going to have to take... there really is not much alternative.'

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PLANNING FOR CONTINGENCIES

The Jerusalem Post's Defence Correspondent Hirsh Goodman talks to Moshe Arens about his tenure at the Defence Ministry

Russian glory

SITTING BEHIND a neat desk in his austere office in the Knesset last Monday afternoon, Defence Minister Moshe Arens seemed oblivious to the political storm raging just metres away.

At the time, it seemed as if the talks about a national unity government had broken down. In the corridors outside, journalists were desperately trying to collar politicians and their aides in an effort to get a clearer picture of what was going on; and in every corner of the spacious lobby, huddles of politicians were trying to work out formulas that could save the situation.

Arens himself has just finished a long talk with former president Yitzhak Navon, allowing it to run half an hour beyond schedule. The two of them had met alone, and though it is impossible to know exactly what had been said it was clear from the conversation that the two men parted on a cordial note.

Even though we met at the end of the day, Arens had been a long day for the minister. He had attended a long meeting with the cabinet, and he had been in the Knesset for several hours. He was looking tired, but he was also looking determined.

He was confident that there would be a government of national unity, because it is the only logical option given the political reality in Israel, but said that it would take time until it was formed.

The six weeks that had passed since the elections had had little impact on the way he had been carrying out his duties. Despite the transitional nature of the government during that period, and his own political future, his policy had been business as usual.

In the Defence Ministry, he said, you cannot delay decisions until the political machinery has run through its motions, adding that he could not think of one instance where he had decided not to decide.

When it was pointed out that the decision not to appoint a new deputy chief of the general staff to replace David Ivri, who is due to return to Israel Aircraft Industries later this month, could be interpreted as "deciding not to decide," Arens disagreed.

Although that is what was printed in the papers, he said, it was not true. "Like so much else you read in the press," he said, "the decision was a complicated one involving many factors, and that was the reason for the delay."

"If I knew that I would be handing over to someone in a day or two, I would make a recommendation to my successor, and not an actual appointment. But given that it may still take a long time before there is a new defence minister, I would not hold up an important decision like that one."

ARENS HAS NEVER held the press in high regard, and made a point of saying so in a recent speech at the National Defence College. It did not come as a surprise, therefore, when he was reluctant to discuss the article in *The Washington Times* last week, which quoted Pentagon sources as saying that the IDF had performed extremely poorly during the Lebanon War.

"I prefer not to discuss it, because by doing so I will be giving the article an importance it does not deserve," he said.

The Times was not one of the major papers in the U.S. and the source of the article "was conveniently hiding behind a cloak of anonymity," he said.

He was not alone in his opinion. "They claim, for example, that we shot down two of our own helicopters while fully loaded. Well, that simply is just not true, as so much of the other information in the article is untrue."

He totally rejected the notion that the article was the result of a concerted effort by Pentagon officials to blacken Israel's name, though he said that there could have been an individual who was interested in doing this.

"There is absolutely no campaign by the American Defence Department to blacken Israel's name, or the image of the Israel Defence Forces. I also do not believe that there is any attempt to freeze the progress we are making on strategic cooperation. I just do not believe that."

THESE TALKS, Arens continued, were doing far better than either side had anticipated, and for the first time, on the record, he disclosed their scope.

"They are clearly based on the assumption that one: we can visualize certain situations where the common interests of both countries are threatened, and we agreed that under these conditions we would work in concert and thus we should do some planning for these types of contingencies; and two: strategic

cooperation is based on a mutual appreciation of the military capability of the two sides.

"Now, what would be the point of discussing strategic cooperation based on the above, if they thought the IDF was no damn good?" Arens asked rhetorically.

"If the Pentagon felt that we would not be able to do anything when required to act, they would not be engaged in these types of conversations with us. I do not think for a moment that anyone in the administration was behind the report," he concluded, stressing again that he was being deliberate in not discussing the contents of *The Washington Times* report in order not to give it "credence it does not deserve."

According to Arens, relations with the American administration in general, and the Pentagon at all levels, has seldom been better. He attributes this to the fact that the State Department has slowly come round to the Pentagon's thinking in Israel's role in the Middle East, "whereas before, we did not constitute a good fit in the way the State Department viewed the Middle East."

These good relations have filtered all the way down the line. "I can tell you that we sense a great deal of respect for the IDF in the American navy, air force and ground forces—even admiration," he said.

The turn in relations could not be traced to one single event, but to a chain of events, one link of which was the closing of the gap in the perception of the State Department and the Pentagon, allowing for a "different view of the degree of commonality that exists in American and Israeli relations in the Middle East."

He cited other contributory factors, such as America's physical involvement in Mideast events that have led to a better understanding of the military and political problems we face here. "They were faced by similar problems to those that face us, and this also allowed us an opportunity to compare notes. That in turn led to deeper understanding."

While admitting that relations between the actual armed forces had been strained at various points, particularly when the Marines were stationed in Beirut, he said that these had hardly impaired the overall, long-term relations between the two countries.

"Look, the American navy has

just purchased mini-RPVs (drones) and Kfir fighters from Israel. That is surely a good indication of the respect the American military has for the capability that exists here. Not just for a specific system, but for the total knowledge that went into making that system. Everything considered, I would say we have good reason to be pleased with the way things are going."

He refused to be more specific than he had been on the actual form strategic cooperation between Israel and the U.S. was taking. Both sides, he said, had made an early decision to give the talks a low profile in order to minimize potential opposition from those who were against them.

"We have been talking for over six months now, and confidentiality has been respected on both sides. Thus there has been no debate and no recriminations, and we have managed to move along at a good pace, consistently, all the time, with the policies of our governments and the consensus among the people."

Asked whether the people of both countries did not have the basic right to know what they were being committed to, Arens guaranteed that what was happening would not, in any circumstances, place Israel on the front line against the Soviet Union.

"We are planning for contingencies and situations in which both governments will consider that their interests are being threatened. We are not looking at any situations where one side will be expected to act unless at the time, both governments agree to act. Each side can refuse to act, and any decision to act will be subject to the condition that both governments at the time will say: 'Our interests are being threatened; we have to work together.'"

Contingency planning was going on now between the military of the two countries because if the situation were to arise even when such cooperation was necessary, "it will be impossible to react in a haphazard way. Pre-planning is necessary to allow us to work in concert."

ARENS REJECTED the notion that what was happening politically in Israel was leading the enemy to understand that Israel was weak and divided.

"Perhaps if they look at things on the surface that could be the impression that our enemies, like those in Damascus, could have. But a deeper examination would prove them wrong. What is going on here is the price we pay for democracy, and no doubt there are those in Damascus who feel that Israel will not be able to withstand another

attack. But they are wrong, and many of them know they are wrong.

"They must have a very high appreciation of the capabilities of the IDF," he said, adding that the lesson had been driven home particularly by Israel's air force two years ago during the opening stages of the Lebanon War. "They received some pretty powerful shocks at the time. We may have made our mistakes, but they know that we have learned our lessons."

Arens admitted that the Syrians had undoubtedly learned their own lessons, too, and that they had made progress in rebuilding their armed forces. But he was convinced that Israel still maintained its deterrent credibility, despite the ostensible fragmentation at the political level.

"The deterrent we are looking for is one that will make it unlikely that people sitting in Damascus will think they can plan a war and that it will go according to the way they would like to see it go. Well, I can say that they are not in a position to do that; to plan with full confidence. And if they do decide to take the risk, I can safely say that they will meet some very unpleasant surprises."

ON LEBANON, the minister had very little new to offer. Israel was in the position it is in because it has been impossible to come to terms with the Shi'ites in the south, who have been rendered useless as negotiating partners because of pressure from both Amal in the north and the fundamentalists who deal viciously with anyone in the south who wanted an amicable arrangement. He could not predict when things would change, but the present situation could not last forever.

Along the eastern frontier, where the IDF is face to face with the Syrians, "we would agree to a separation of forces immediately if the Syrians would agree," he said. When asked if something to achieve this was in the works, he replied that "the Syrians know we want this," but that the problem was not over contact between the sides, but rather that the Syrians apparently did not want an agreement at this time.

He denied that there had been any significant Syrian build-up in Lebanon, and explained that Israel was fortifying its line as a tactical move only. The new bunkers and roads currently being built in Lebanon, he said, were designed to make our soldiers' lives up there safer and more comfortable, and not a response to any new Syrian threat.

Apparently in view of the pending change in government, Arens did not want to make any statement that would sound like a commitment on Lebanon. Instead, he repeated the

familiar reasons for things being the way they are, promising change at some future date under conditions he did not define.

The problems Israel was having in setting up a national unity government, he said, should not be taken by those who do not understand the workings of democracy as a sign that Israel was not unified.

"Our children all go to the army; reservists go to Lebanon; we have more volunteers for elite units than ever before, and more than we can use. In fact, despite what is going on at the political level, Israel has an army probably unlike any other country's—or let me be more modest and say that one would have a hard time finding a better fighting force."

THE DEFENCE MINISTER was emphatic that the only real political option Israel had after the election results was a government of national unity, and was confident that that would be the ultimate result of the bickering going on outside his office door.

"Look at it logically," he said. "Neither party can put together a government by itself. If one of them does, the government has no chance of long-term survival, and even if it survives it will not be able to cope with the problems the country faces at this time."

New elections would be a disaster. "We would go into them with 400 per cent inflation and come out with 4,000 per cent inflation. And anyway, why should the ultimate results be any different from those on July 23?" But, he conceded, national unity was a difficult exercise between parties that have their own world view, and between parties with even more definite views than those of the main partners.

"It is all a matter of time. If you ask me whether by the time people read this on Friday we will have a national unity government, I would say no. But I would say that we will be well on the way to having one. After all, what other option is there?"

He had begged Labour's Yitzhak Rabin in the months prior to the election to raise the percentage threshold for Knesset representation, but he was against changing the electoral system except for a presidential system. "If we went over to regional elections, all we would have would be more independent Knesset

members with their own private agendas. That would only make things worse.

"But when it comes to raising the minimum vote to around 4 or 5 per cent I am all for it. After all, what country in the world gives parliamentary representation to anyone who gets under 1 per cent of the vote? It's absurd."

According to Arens, the relatively high army vote for Meir Kahane and other right-wing parties indicated nothing "other than the fact the country's youth in general was tending in that direction."

"Youngsters generally seem to adopt more extremist views than the older segments of the population, and that is about the only conclusion I would draw from the results. It's not that the army supports either, Kahane or the Likud, or anyone else for that matter, but just that the trend among the country's youth has changed."


AT NO STAGE of the conversation did Arens give even a hint that there was a question mark hanging over his political future. He spoke as if he had caught him on a regular working day. Towards the end of the interview, however, he did venture that whoever succeeds him—"and it may be myself for all I know"—is not going to have an easy time making ends meet.

"I was under a lot of pressure to cut defence spending and I did. Whoever comes in next as defence minister will face even more pressure. More cuts in defence spending—which are essential, and I understand that—will mean a smaller army, for there is no other way out of the problem."

"A smaller army is a risk that the government is going to have to take, and the public must be made aware of both the consequences and the risks. But there really is not much alternative."

Arens made no attempt to sum up his term as defence minister, other than to say that the creation of the ground forces command was a major accomplishment that would have far-reaching effects.

He made no attempt to sum up, one supposes, because as far as he is concerned, as long as he is in office there is no need to do so. And it was plain from the conversation that he still considers himself very much in office.



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VISITING THE KNESSET on the second day of its new session, I found that the fire in the eternal flame wrought by David Palombo, located near the entrance, was out. When I asked one of the ushers if he knew about it, he cheerfully remarked, "Oh, someone forgot to refill it with gas." Encountering Labour MK Aharon Harel in the members' dining room, I asked him whether there might not be something symbolic in the extinguishing of the flame. He rejoined: "I think there is — just as it's symbolic that the 11th Knesset started life with a debate on a bill dealing with optometry." I spotted Ometz MK Yigal Hurvitz at a nearby table and told him of my discovery. "Didn't I warn everyone that we'd soon be running out of fuel?" he remarked, half-jokingly.

ABBA EBAN has earned widespread kudos for his performance as acting Knesset speaker, saving the day with flashes of his donnish wit and trying to impose some of the debating decorum he excelled in at Cambridge during his student days.

When Papua New Guinea non-resident Ambassador Fredrick Reiter called on him this week, and the two men found themselves caught by photographers, Eban quipped: "Only things that are photographed are real these days. As there were no cameras at the Creation, there's no certainty it happened."

TAKING ADVANTAGE of Minister-without-Portfolio Ariel Sharon's absence in New York for his libel case with Time Inc., Premier Yitzhak Shamir finally managed to coax his fellow Likudniks to accept his national unity deal with Labour Premier-Designate Shimon Peres.

Earlier it seemed that Shamir wouldn't be able to deliver, because of Sharon and Deputy Premier David Levy.

Menachem Begin's successor was reminded of Levy's lieutenant, party organization chief Michael Reiser that "The time is past when one supreme authority's decisions were accepted unquestionably." It's clear that Shamir has — so far — outwitted his rivals ad hoc alliance to bring him down. He also sidestepped the mines laid by party secretariat chairman Yoram Aridor, who tried to force his rivals' ad hoc alliance to bring him down. He also sidestepped the mines laid by party secretariat chairman Yoram Aridor, who tried to force his rivals' ad hoc alliance to bring him down.

INCIDENTALLY I'm told that Shamir informed his fellow Likudniks why they could not have defence, revealing that Peres told him: "It's bad enough with the trouble I'll have with Mapam in the Alignment. But it'll be nothing to what I'll have in my party if Rabin doesn't get Defence." Shamir is lucky he won't have to face party veteran Dr. Yohanan Bader at the Central Committee, for the old-timer has announced he will fight the national unity idea as vigorously as he did when Begin backed it in 1967.

CREDIT SHOULD go to Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Dulin for influencing fellow Liberals, particularly Yitzhak Moda'i and Avraham Shafir to help Shamir overcome the Levy-Sharon axis. As the elder statesman of the Liberal Party, Dulin pushed them into threatening to break up the Likud, should Herut not allow Shamir to deliver on his deal with Peres.

EX-AGUDA MK Shlomo Lorincz has found a way to avenge himself on

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From left: Dov Shilansky, Gideon Gadot, Abba Eban.

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his old party by becoming the political adviser of Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz and his fellow Shas MKs, guiding the brand-new parliamentarians through the labyrinths of politics and especially patronage. For Lorincz, it's a combination of business and pleasure — he's been ordered to aid Aguda's rivals by Rabbi Eliezer Schach, head of the Misagdim Wing of Aguda, who helped launch Shas, to get his own back at the Gerrer Rebbe, head of the rival Hassidic wing. Shas' spiritual mentor, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, has just got back from visiting the Americas, where he collected money from former Tami backers in New York and Rio de Janeiro.

NEW LIKUD MK Gideon Gadot has already established a reputation as a natty dresser. Asked whether he was put off by the sandals sported by kibbutznik MK Avraham Katz-Oz, he replied, "At least his sandals are authentic, which is more than I'd care to say of Ronnie Milo's spectacles, which fail to cover up his sanctimoniousness...and as for Ehud Olmert, it's difficult to know which

of his two faces he's showing." This was regarded as the latest instalment in the running feud between the three young Likudniks, which began during their joint work at the Likud election campaign HQ.

TEHIYA'S NEW MK Rafael Eitan showed that he too has a grudge list, headed by his successor as chief of general staff, Lt. Gen. Moshe Levy. It was Eitan who this week urged both Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens to rebuke Levy for not having taken along our man in Washington, Meir Rosenne, to his meeting with Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

NOW THAT THE government issue has been settled, fireworks can be expected to erupt over side issues in Labour. Members of the party central committee are expected to demand that a host of office-holders fulfil their commitments to give up one of their positions. Two names at the top of the list are Rafi Edri and Dov Ben-Meir. Both signed a solemn commitment, when chosen for the

Knesset list, to quit their other public offices — in Edri's case, the chairmanship of Shikun Ha'Ovdim, the Histadrut housing company. Ben-Meir is deputy (acting) mayor of Tel Aviv-Yafo. However, Ben-Meir also promised Tel Aviv voters to serve in the opposition, if necessary, too.

FORMER WEST GERMAN Ambassador to Israel, Klaus Schutz, now heading his country's overseas broadcasting service, has been here with his wife, Heide. He took part in a televised symposium for the second German network at kibbutz Ma'ayan Zvi, which is celebrating its 46th anniversary, together with our ambassador to Bonn, Yitzhak Ben-Ari, ex-justice Haim Cohn, Naftali Blumenthal, and two of the local people, Jewish Agency Treasurer Akiva Levinsky and kibbutz ideologue Asher Maniv, as well as Santa Josephita, from nearby kibbutz Gal-Ed.

Schutz also took the opportunity to attend the "wedding of the year" between the children of two good

yetke friends. Dan, son of Tel Aviv Mayor Salomo (Chick) Lahat and wife Ziva, married Ofra, daughter of Nahariya Industrialist Michael Strauss and his wife Ella. All of our who's who were among the thousand-strong throng, who filled the seafront garden of the Strauss home and the adjoining grounds of their two neighbours, combined for the occasion. Unity coalition could have been formed on the spot from the VIP guest, which included Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Rabin, Ezer Weizman, and heads of Chich's party Yitzhak Moda'i, Shafir and Pessah Grupper. The Liberal Party President Chairman and his wife, World Wizo chairman Michael Moda'i got some advance congratulations — their son, Boaz was to be married on the morrow to Michal (née Spector).

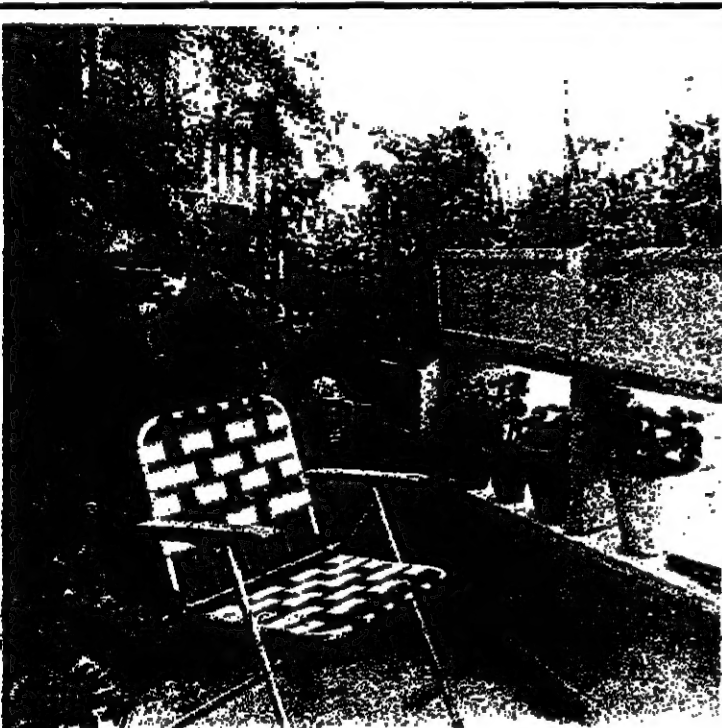
OUR NEWSPAPERS have been full of condolence advertisements from the country's institutes of higher learning marking the deaths, five weeks apart in Montreal, of the benefactor brothers Louis Bloomfield at 78 and Bernard Bloomfield at 80. However, there was no mention that the money they distributed so munificently came from the fortune of the late Lady Davis, whose husband Morton was knighted after World War Two. The brothers were administrators of the Davis estate, but the name has only once been commemorated — at the Tel Aviv Amal vocational school.

SHINUI WILL BE facing a parting of the ways when the votes on whether to join the national unity government are counted. It's not

only a choice between the pros, headed by Amnon Rubinstein, and the cons, headed by Merdochal Vashubski, with the former in line for a cabinet post, but between the centrist line of the former and the more leftist trend advocated by the latter.

U.S. CONGRESSMAN Stephen Solarz (NY-Dem.) has been and gone. He talked to key politicians like Peres and Ezer Weizman. But Foreign Minister Shamir could not find the time for him. This was seen as an indication of our official displeasure at Solarz's recent leaning towards Arab positions, for which he apparently earned some kudos during his swing through Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan before reaching Jerusalem. He told people here that one third of the Jewish voters in his constituency were anti-Zionist Hassidim. I'm told that Solarz assured his Foreign Ministry hosts that he was Democratic Presidential hopeful Walter Mondale's choice for secretary of state.

DANIEL DAGAN, roving correspondent of Ha'aretz, had quite a scoop, when he extracted from Spanish Premier Felipe Gonzalez an announcement of "our firm resolve to establish diplomatic relations shortly with Israel," during an interview at the Spanish socialist leader's summer home in Palma de Majorca. He expressed the hope of visiting Israel in the near future. However, there was no mention of Gonzalez pro-Arab deputy premier, Alfonso Gerra, who defeated a motion to establish ties with Jerusalem at their party's last congress.



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EIGHTY-THREE, Herut's Dr. Yohanan Bader looks back over the years of the first and second national unity governments with clarity and bitterness. He assures me that it had nothing to do with his party's having ousted Ezer Weizman to himself as one of its three ministers — out of six al members — in the Golda Meir government formed after the November 1969 elections. He only poured the idea in June 1967 for the duration of the Six Day War and immediate aftermath, and began urge that Gahal pull out as early as August.

Looking back over the years, Bader speaks with warmer regard for the 11 Mapai leaders like his good friend Levi Eshkol and Pinhas Sapir in for the Herut leader Arye Ben-Zet. Nor did he care overmuch any of the Mapai rebels who med Rafi, such as Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres.

He says that the national unity was born during the tense sessions of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee in the unmitigated waiting period of May 57. He recalls accompanying Nachum Begin and Arye Ben-Zet to the first meeting of Knesset-factions to discuss tactics. They discussed the idea of National-Religious Party leader, Haim She Shapir, to bring back David Ben-Gurion to replace Levi Eshkol as prime minister. "There was ready talk then of making Dayan defence minister," he recalled.

Later, Begin decided to go to see Eshkol, ignoring Bader's entreaties, declaring that "despite the odds done to me by Ben-Gurion, he is the man of the hour." When Begin urged Eshkol to take back his old ally, the premier replied, "Horses that calibre won't work in harness."

The next stage was a meeting with Mapai secretary-general, Golda Meir, who invited Gahal to join a coalition, but balked when Begin made it a condition that Dayan become defence minister. As der put it, "By then, Begin no longer mentioned Ben-Gurion."

THE VETERAN Herutnik thinks Eshkol's big mistake was to convene meetings and go on the air while physically exhausted, with dire consequences for public morale.

"He was a wise man, a marvellous minister. As defence minister, he lit up the IDF."

After the first national unity government was formed, with Begin and Sapir as ministers without portfolio, Begin asked Bader: "Well, aren't you happy your friend a minister?" to which he replied, "Not very. I expected you to make it under other circumstances and in

another position."

Here, Bader recalled, "I drove with Begin to his first cabinet meeting, and when he said 'Dayan knows we made him defence minister,' I replied, 'Sure he knows. He won't forgive you for it.'"

Bader gives the impression of a Revisionist prince-in-exile, still nursing disappointment. He confesses: "My influence began to wane when I opposed the decision of all my colleagues to join Golda's cabinet after the 1969 elections," recalling that he had unsuccessfully fought to make a break in February 1968, when Golda took over as prime minister after Eshkol died.

"I was isolated in Herut's leadership. Begin was convinced that his presence in the cabinet ensured that there would be no concessions. Ben-Zet would say that Begin's portfolio was that of safeguarding the integrity of Eretz Yisrael. I argued that they would become Mapai's rubber stamp."

"When it came to formulating the political guidelines, Begin was happy, but was insistent on the issue of national health insurance, despite my admonitions that he wouldn't get anywhere. Begin even clashed with Sapir, and Haim Moshe Shapir rushed over to the Gahal caucus meeting to entreat him to relent. The meeting ended without any decision. I was sure there wouldn't be a government."

"Next morning, I switched on my radio and heard on the news that Golda had announced her national coalition with the Likud. When I phoned Begin, he told me he had slept on the issue, and finally decided that he would fight for national health inside."

IN THOSE ELECTIONS, Labour emerged with 56 Knesset seats and Gahal with 26. The latter was awarded six cabinet posts, divided equally between Herut and the Liberals. Begin was minister without portfolio, with his colleagues Ezer Weizman and Haim Landau as minister of transport and development respectively. Of the Liberals, Sapir was given commerce and industry and Rimalt was given posts, with Arye Dulzin as another minister without portfolio.

Bader's perennial suspicions of the Liberals surfaced when he said that Begin's motive for joining Golda's cabinet was fear that the Liberals might dump Herut and go in by themselves. He recalled a blazing row at the Gahal executive when Sapir upbraided Begin for having committed Gahal to not joining unless the NRP got a deputy minister. Bader hotly dismissed the suggestion that Herut needed the Liberals

Post Political Correspondent Mark Segal talks to four people who were intimately associated with previous national unity administrations.

Memories of unity



Yohanan Bader. (Harari) Moshe Baram. (Keren) Arye Dulzin. (Rubinger) Simcha Dinitz. (Radovani)

band Gahal. How dare you commit us without asking us."

Bader hotly dismissed the suggestion that Herut needed the Liberals to acquire respectability. "Believe me," he declared, "I was respectable enough before I came on aliyah."

When it came to the crucial joint

session of the Gahal central committee in August 1970 to vote on Begin's motion to quit the government over the Rogers Plan involving acceptance of UN Resolution 242, Bader refrained from speaking; he did not wish anyone to think he was influenced by not being a minister.

AMONG THE FEW politicians for whom Bader has a good word is Moshe Baram, whom he calls "the last Mapainik." When one talks to the former labour minister 10 years his junior, it is obvious that the admiration is mutual.

Baram was chairman of the coalition executive from 1966 to 1974, working in harness with Bader, the Herut whip, during the unity years. As general trouble-shooter for Mapai, he was in the thick of the political upheaval of May 1967, and still thinks the national unity government was a mistake.

He says the situation was complicated because Rafi and Gahal joined without accepting the coalition guidelines or its principle of collective discipline. However, he admits that despite this, the first national unity administration worked smoothly on the whole.

After the 1969 elections, when Golda reconstituted the government, coalition negotiations almost broke down over domestic issues like national health and compulsory arbitration, while the sharp debate on the political clauses was settled by introducing the phrase "our ancestral heritage," which satisfied both Likud and the NRP. Her Baram noted ruefully that the latter were already showing indications of extremism. "It's a mistake to imagine that the NRP was our natural partner," he said. "Their constituency always leaned to Herut. Only their leaders were afraid we would manage without them. We had to keep in mind the extreme spreading throughout the population since 1967 and even affecting our own kibbutz movement."

The Labour veteran shook his head. "I knew it wouldn't work, and when it came to the crunch it fell apart. I was abroad in August 1970, when the final crisis blew up. When I returned, I tried to save the situation, but to no avail. I remember that after Gahal quit, I ate lunch one day with Begin in the members' dining room, and asked him for a frank explanation of his decision to leave the coalition, although Golda had agreed to let them vote against the government and stay on inside. He told me: 'It is not totally unrealistic that one day, when Golda presents a peace treaty to the nation, a lot of those people who today shout Begin! Begin! would then vote for you.'"

IT WAS IN the members' dining room that I met new Labour MK Simcha Dinitz, who was Golda Meir's chief aide. In 1969 she summoned him back from Washington, where he had been serving as information councillor, and in 1972, on the death of Yaacov Herzog, he became director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

We discussed at length why Golda had thought it necessary to reconstitute the government with Gahal. There was the fear of Dayan quitting at the zenith of his popularity when 100,000 people signed petitions to make him premier. Dinitz finds it interesting that the second national government made little impression on the history books, while Golda herself treated it very cursorily in her memoirs. He remembers it as a very orderly government, with cabinet sessions becoming ideological symposia, for Begin regarded himself as its political watchdog.

"Nonetheless, he never put any obstacles in the way of intensive talks with King Hussein. He did insist that the Allon Plan should never be tabled as an official government document, while not objecting to ministers discussing it in public. It should not be forgotten that Begin was a party to Eshkol's warning to Hussein at the beginning of June 1967 that Israel would not move against Jordan if it stayed out of the war. Begin was thus ready to make peace on the eastern front on the basis of the 1967 lines if Hussein did not embark on any provocation. He certainly showed signs of flexibility, especially in respect of the intensive contacts with Hussein, of which he was kept informed."

Dinitz says that Golda and Begin enjoyed a harmonious working relationship. He had a room near her in the Prime Minister's Office, and she took care to keep him and Sapir well informed by sending Dinitz and others over to brief them.

He strongly denies that it was a government of immobilism, recalling how Eshkol was willing to return all the territory gained in 1967 in exchange for a durable peace. Then came the Rabat summit and its three noes (no recognition, no negotiation, no peace). All the talks with Hussein were fruitless.

He had high praise for Golda's policy management. She always used her "kitchen cabinet" as a sounding board ("it was not a substitute, but supplementary to the cabinet") before bringing the issue before the government as a whole. This system helped to prevent unnecessary clashes between Golda and Dayan.

"She was above all a pragmatic person. She knew when to dig her

heels in on essentials, as with the Rogers Plan, and when to compromise on secondary issues. She knew how far to go with the Americans."

IN THE FINAL analysis the national unity government worked because the two parties found some common ground, although this did not erode Labour's social democratic policies. In the end it collapsed when Begin refused to accept the Rogers Plan and the ceasefire with Egypt, combined with Resolution 242 as a premise for negotiations.

Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Dulzin remembers his spell as minister without portfolio in that government with great pleasure: "I think they were the best years our country ever experienced. It was the most stable period, socially and economically, we've ever had. For in those days, the old Mapainiks knew how to rule, and the package deal held, with Pinhas Sapir at the Treasury and Aharon Becker at the Histadrut. There were no strikes, and the government worked well. We had a harmonious relationship, and the Cabinet was conducted with great decorum." In his opinion, Golda was remarkably gifted with huge reserves of patience.

"She would listen for hours and then summarize, always starting with the phrase 'Now it appears to my primitive mind...' and she would cut through the verbiage like a laser beam. And she was invariably right."

Sometimes the prime minister treated her ministers like a nanny with children. Thus, Dulzin recalls she especially abhorred the practice of ministers surreptitiously reading the afternoon papers under the table during cabinet sessions. She would reprimand them. "The only one who had the hutzpa to spread out the paper on the table was Dayan, and she hesitated to tangle with him."

When it came to the end, Dulzin hotly opposed Begin's motion to quit the government at the Gahal central committee, where the Begin move was endorsed by a narrow majority of three, all of them Liberals. In his speech, Dulzin had urged that the Liberals keep faith with Herut. "We went in together, we must leave together," he said.

Analyzing Begin's motives 14 years later, Dulzin believes that the Herut leader ignored the generous offer of Golda Meir to stay on although voting against the government, because he feared that he was losing his primacy in Gahal.

"Begin was always used to being Number One and suddenly felt the ground shifting beneath him... he preferred to go back into the opposition, where he would be Number One again."

FEAR OF CHANGE

By DAVID KRIVINE

THE GOVERNMENT that Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir are piecing together is one of national unity, it won't be a united cabinet. It will only do things on which all are agreed; which means it will do very little. It is a last resort, a compromise solution to an intractable problem — the result of an electoral system which does not work.

We have never had a government at could run the affairs of state in accordance with the programme of a party elected to power. Our system prevents that by the simple device of not allowing any single member to gain power. The ensuing deadlock puts a premium on bargaining. Bargaining means the buying and selling of support. It is a grinding process, and it should be ended.

All we need is that the two big factions, Labour and Likud, form a national unity government for one year. During that day it passes an electoral reform law, then dissolves parliament. New elections are held under the constituency system as in Britain, and presto: one of the factions emerges with a majority in the Knesset. It forms a cabinet on its own, without any thwarting coalition partners.

What could be better? A majority of the Knesset members agree that such reform is desirable. But it won't happen.

THE FIRST ARGUMENT brought up against the constituency system is that it is unfair. Parties with big

support are over-represented in the Knesset (their share of seats is greater than their share of the vote). Parties with small support are under-represented, some not winning any seats at all.

This criticism is pressed, naturally enough, by the small parties, who believe that the British system is positively undemocratic. But is the Israeli method any better? The voters gave Aharon Abuhazzeira one seat out of 120. The Likud offered his faction three seats in the next parliament if he joins their list. The country wants one Tami member, the system will supply it with three. Is that democratic?

Nevertheless, supporters of reform have attempted to meet these objections. Gad Ya'acobi (Labour) drafted a bill which, he says, is closer to the continental system in Europe than to the British system. It goes something like this: 90 members are elected by constituencies, 30 go on being elected as at present.

The constituency is different from those in Britain. The country would be divided into a relatively small number of electoral districts — 20 or 25. Each district would have not one Knesset member but three or five, according to its size.

A list of named candidates would be presented. Supporting West Jerusalem rates five representatives. The voter will have the choice between five candidates from Labour, five from Likud, and five or less from each of the other parties competing for his support.

He will ballot not for the individuals of his choice but for the faction of his choice. If the faction of his choice wins, say, 60 per cent of the total ballot in the district, then three of its five candidates will get elected. If two other parties get 20 per cent each, each will get one member in the Knesset (for West Jerusalem).

THIS SYSTEM does not seem very different from the one we already have. It has two innovations, according to Ya'acobi. First, the parties will have to select candidates possessing some popular appeal. The preferences of each location must be taken into consideration, which leads to a measure of decentralization.

Second, parties with less than 10 per cent of the vote will not get in at all.

There is a corrective here, since 30 per cent of the members are to be

chosen by a national, not a constituency vote. So at the end of the day only parties with less than 3 per cent of the total vote will fail to get representation.

The fault with the Ya'acobi bill is that the largest party will still not achieve a majority of the seats. Ya'acobi shrugs his shoulder. "At the best we can hope for," he says, "and it is better than what we have." Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui) supports Ya'acobi's bill, questioning whether its compromises are really shortcomings. He is not sure that the two-party system — successful for so long in Britain and still prevalent in the U.S. — is suitable for Israel.

"We have special groups that must be found a place in the assembly," he believes — two at least: the religious and the Arabs. So the British single-member constituency, with a polling method of first-past-the-post should be modified, in his view.

MEIR SHITRIT (Likud) is more radical. He wants a system that will bring about a government which can govern. Ya'acobi's bill may perpetuate the present deadlock, with the big parties gaining, say 55 seats each instead of the present 45. Small factions will group together (there may be a single merged religious party) but they will still hold the balance. Shitrit is against that.

What he advocates instead is an American-style constitution with a presidential system. It was introduced at the local level in Israel not long ago. Mayors are now directly elected and the scheme works very well.

The public would be required to register two votes, he suggests, one for the president and one for the Knesset. "I don't care if in the first stage the Knesset goes on being elected as it is right now," he says. "At least the executive arm would be separated from the legislative arm, at the moment they are indistinguishable. Under my system the president would rule, and parliament would supervise."

Rubinstein thinks likewise that failing a reform of the parliamentary system, the institution of a presidential system would be an acceptable second-best. What he suggests is that the prime minister (he prefers him to be called that) be elected directly by the people, that he choose his own cabinet, that his ministers not be necessarily members of the Knesset and that the Knesset be denied the power to remove him from office.

The prime minister would govern the country, but he would be subject to the Knesset for his budgets, and the Knesset would do the law-making.

Rubinstein had hoped that some measure of electoral reform would be adopted by the national unity administration when formed; indeed Prime Minister Shamir told him a week ago that he would not object to the inclusion of such a proposal in the coalition agreement.

Since then the Likud has promised Agudat Israel not to change the electoral system without their consent — which will never be forthcoming. Rubinstein is shocked at this setback. The situation as he sees it is completely crazy. The two big parties have exhausted their energies in futile efforts to form an administration under impossible conditions. There is a way out — and they don't take it.

LABOUR OFFICIALLY supports electoral reform, it appears in their party programme; but they do not give this venture top priority. Ben-Gurion favoured a change in the system; and so did his short-lived Rafi party, which required a commitment from Labour on that issue as a condition of its return to the party fold. Ya'acobi belonged to Rafi at the time.

Other Labour men pay lip-service to Rafi's preference for constituencies, but are less than enthusiastic regarding its application. First of all, there are sub-groups in the Align-

ment who frankly dislike the whole business, because it imperils their representation.

Mapam is against, and not only they. The kibbutz movement and the moshav movement get more seats through back-room deals with the party than they would by casting their bread upon the waters, and do not relish losing their privileged position.

Leaders of the party are themselves mistrustful. Suppose the constituencies do not vote for Labour candidates or even for Likud, but opt for way-out characters with a demagogic bent, people like Yehoshua Peretz, one-time glorified leader of Ashdod's port workers. The country would be saddled with a populist or Peronist-type national assembly, which is the last thing it needs.

Hence the paralysis. It all boils down to this: People in power like the system which brought them to power, and are fearful to alter it. They prefer the frustrations which afflict Israel's public life to the risks of innovation. Change never takes place at the initiative of those who are 'in', such people are endowed with an instinctive conservatism.

Pressure is needed from without. Perhaps a party should present itself to the public with only one slogan on its banner: electoral reform. Once that aim is accomplished the party promises to dissolve. It would get a surprising amount of support.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

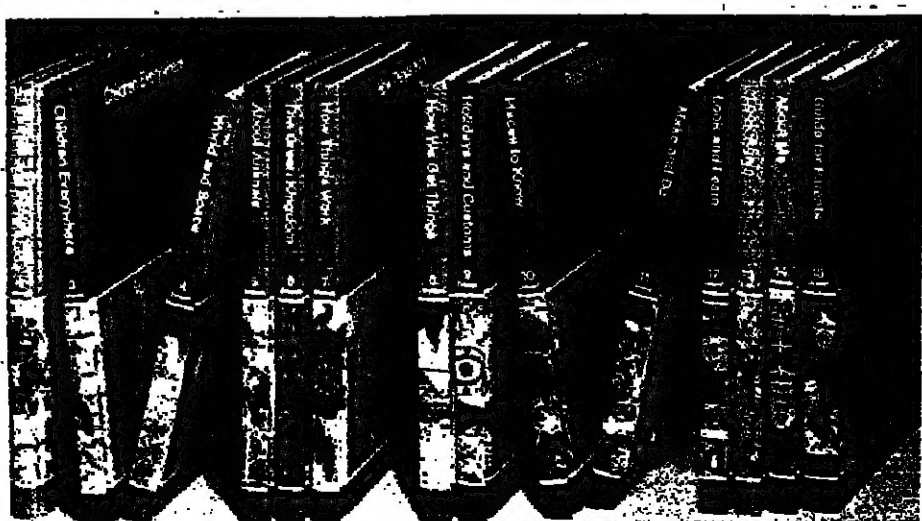
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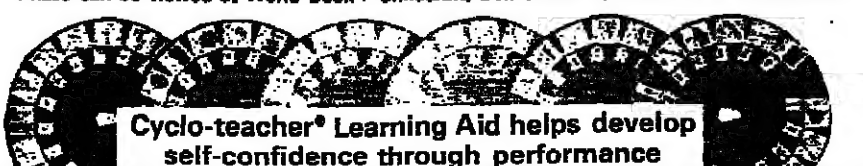
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Hirohito 'regrets past' to Korean guest

TOKYO (AP). — Emperor Hirohito, who was Japan's leader when it was master over Korea, yesterday expressed regret for that "unfortunate past" in a dinner with South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan, the first Korean leader ever officially to visit his nation's former adversary.

"It is indeed regrettable that there was an unfortunate past between us for a period in this century and I believe that it should not be repeated again," the 83-year-old emperor said at a state banquet in honor of Chun. Chun arrived earlier yesterday amid the tightest security measures ever taken for a foreign head of state.

Hirohito's vaguely worded state-

ment stopped short of the direct apology wanted by many Koreans, who remain bitter about Japan's harsh colonial subjugation of Korea from 1910 until 1945, the end of World War II.

Relations between Japan and South Korea were normalized in 1965, but Korea enmity spawned by centuries of Japanese invasions of the peninsula, capped by the colonial period, prevented any real political breakthroughs until Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone made a dramatic visit to Seoul in January 1983. Chun's visit, preceded by large anti-visit demonstrations in both Korea and Japan, is in return for Nakasone's trip.

RAF dismisses clerk cleared of spying

LONDON (AP). — A Royal Air Force cable clerk, cleared of spy charges in a sensational court trial, has been dismissed from the service for poor work and failure to adapt to military life, the Defence Ministry revealed yesterday.

Paul Davies, 21, was given "an administrative discharge" because of his inability to meet the required standards in the performance of his duties, and his failure to conform to the service way of life, said a spokesman.

It was denied that his dismissal was related to the espionage case.

Parents plead for missing Reuter man in Lebanon

LONDON (AP). — The parents of Reuter correspondent Jonathan Wright, who disappeared in Lebanon last week, appealed yesterday for his release, the London-based International news agency reported.

"We do not know why anyone would want to hold him," Margaret and Michael Wright said from their home in Oxford.

"As parents, we know only the anguish this is causing our family and that Jonathan would not wish any harm to anyone. We appeal to whoever may be holding him to release our only son."

Wright, 30, has not been seen since he left the Reuter office in Beirut on August 29 on a reporting trip to the Bekaa valley in Eastern Lebanon.

Anonymous callers to the Paris

headquarters of the news agency Agence France-Presse and the London-based Al-Arab newspaper said Wright was being held by the Muslim Socialist Revolutionary Organization.

'Real World' symposium

HAIFA. — A three-day international symposium on "The Relationship between Social Scientists and the Real World" will start next Wednesday at Haifa University.

The 12 participants, from the U.S., Singapore, Sweden and Israel, who have backgrounds in journalism, social science and public policy, will discuss the patterns of communications and differing needs of academics, journalists and policy makers.

RABIN

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leaders would meet once again with Premier Yitzhak Shamir this morning, and if they were convinced that Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria would not be pared more than other government expenses — and not be pared for political reasons — then the condition might be said to have changed.

He said that if that happened, he would "forego his prestige" and agree to serve as a deputy minister — if the post involved responsibility for settlements.

Yesterday morning, Eitan met with Rabin for what the defence minister-designate said was a "wide-ranging conversation on policy issues." Rabin said the question of Eitan's own possible role was not broached at all.

In the evening, at a meeting of the Tehiya-Tzomet political forum, the large majority of speaker opposed joining the national unity government, due to its settlement and defence policies. The forum advocated being in opposition, but abstaining rather than voting against government decisions.

The Tehiya-Tzomet council is to make its final decision whether to join the government on Sunday. Party leader science minister Yuvai Ne'eman, phoning from Australia, recommended that the party not join the government, whose policies, he said, would cause an almost total settlement freeze and endanger

Israel by encouraging President Ronald Reagan's 1982 peace initiative.

Knesset member Groulik Cohen said that the movement would be more effective in opposition than in government, where the party's "clear message" would be muffled. "Joining the government would indicate our implicit approval of a policy that already signals a halt to settlement and a freeze on defence issues."

"We favour a national unity government in itself and support its plans to heal the economy and social rifts. But it is better for us to form a fighting opposition and not leave the opposition to the extreme left," she said.

At the opening of the forum session, the party's No. 2, MK Rafael Eitan, reported on his meeting earlier yesterday with defence minister-designate Yitzhak Rabin. He emphatically denied reports that the two had discussed the possibility of Eitan's getting the post of deputy defence minister.

Eitan said that his meeting with Rabin was personal and not for publication, but noted that he wanted to learn of the future government's policies first hand, rather than through Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, as was the custom until now. Tehiya-Tzomet member Zvi Shiloah called for joining the party government and was supported by two others, while some 25 forum members opposed the motion.

SHAMIR DISSENT

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The Liberal central committee is due to meet soon, probably on Sunday, to approve its Ministers, with the three certain candidates being Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i (to get the Finance Ministry); Justice Minister Moshe Nissim (to retain Justice); and Tourism Minister Avraham Shari (to retain Tourism).

But rival claimants for the three seats are trying to organize in what will probably turn out to be an abortive bid to unseat some or all of the three.

Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt, Agriculture Minister Pesach Grupper, and Minister without Portfolio Sara Doron are due for

the axe. Labour. But he would feel it vital for the party to go through the motions of expressing its sympathy for him in mathematically measurable terms, in order to remind his peers, the Herut ministers, that he is still a power to be reckoned with.

Although Sharon sided with Shamir and lined up against Levy, in the last test of strength in Herut when it came to choosing the party leader, he is likely next week to square up with Levy against Shamir, according to informed sources.

The Liberal wing of the Likud bloc is also in a ferment over the selection of its three ministers for the cabinet.

UNITY GOVERNMENT

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folio to the Likud. He replied that there had to be "mutual consideration." Each side, he said, had shown such consideration for the other.

Senior Labour personalities were yesterday in almost open rebellion against party chairman Shimon Peres after he agreed to yield the industry and trade portfolio to the Likud. Senior sources in the party charged that Peres' move had opened the way for Ariel Sharon's appointment as industry and trade minister.

The sources said that Peres will have to face the opposition of the party's economic team. They added that this team had been one of the main supporters of the national unity government initiative, but now most of them are expected to have second thoughts after Peres' decision to give up the last remaining economic portfolio.

The sources added that not only did Peres agree to Sharon's public rehabilitation, but also relinquished all the economic portfolios, after an election campaign fought against the Likud on economic issues, and after agreeing to a national unity government to save the economy.

The sources said that Sharon's appointment heralds a bad time for industry. "The man will do to industry what he did to agriculture when he was agriculture minister. All he cares for is the administered territories and his chances of becoming prime minister," they said.

According to the sources, the party's economic team warned Peres before his final talk with Shamir to insist that the industry portfolio remain in Labour's hands. But Peres was in a hurry to finish the deal with the Likud and he preferred to leave the portfolio with the Likud, even though he knew that Sharon was a candidate.

Sources in Hevrat Ha'ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, said last night that Peres' "capitulation" meant that Labour would have "absolutely no influence on economic policy making."

Labour sources expect a stiff fight when the agreement is brought before the party's central committee for approval early next week, though there is little doubt that it will eventually be passed.

By a vote of 80-72, the central committee of the United Kibbutz Movement yesterday decided to oppose the agreement in the Labour central committee. The UKM committee also expressed its opposition to the inclusion of Ezer Weizman's Yahad Party in the Alignment, and called on Labour and Mapam to ensure the unity of the Alignment "either fully or partially." The latter was a reference to the partnership in the Histadrut and other forms.

However, the UKM's four Knesset members were empowered to vote in the Knesset according to the decision of the Labour central committee.

The UKM speakers were almost evenly divided during yesterday's intense four-hour debate. MK Avraham Katz-Oz called for opposition to the agreement, while MK Ya'acov Tsur (the UKM's likeliest candidate for a cabinet post) and Edna Solodar were in favour of supporting it.

A group of Labour MKs, among them Abner Harel, Menahem Hachohen, Hava Arad, Dov Ben-Meir and Elyahu Speiser, yesterday sent a telegram to party leader Shimon Peres calling on him to include MK Abba Eban in the cabinet. In their telegram, the MKs quoted words Peres himself had used in a recent interview, when he said that Eban should have a "senior policy making position."

The possibility that a place might not be found for Eban has aroused dismay among Labour members not

normally associated with the "dovish" former foreign minister. The MKs are calling for Eban's inclusion in the proposed "inner cabinet" and several of them are said to be inclined to vote against the agreement in the central committee if their demand is not met.

The sources said that they intended to appeal to Peres, though they doubted whether any economic posts could be retrieved from the Likud. MK Gad Ya'acobi, who was originally Labour's candidate for finance minister and then for industry and trade minister, said last night that he thought the loss of the economic portfolios "could have serious repercussions." He added that his inclination was not to seek a cabinet portfolio, though he did not rule out serving as minister without portfolio.

Ya'acobi, who was one of Labour's earliest and most ardent supporters of a national unity government, said that he was "very disappointed with the outcome. I wanted something else, a compact, viable government." Ya'acobi said.

Labour will hold the economics ministry, but Ya'acobi is not prepared to hold it, believing it ineffective. Labour sources said another minister would take the post.

Hug Leshliav, an influential party study group, decided yesterday to oppose the agreement in the central committee. The group, headed by MKs Micha Harish and Adiel Amora'i, based its decision on "compromises" made by the party, in particular in the economic sphere. Another group that is expected to vote against the agreement in the committee is the Young Guard, whose leader, MK Haim Ramon, has been especially critical of the agreement.

Labour left-winger MK Yosef Sarid, who has already announced his intention to leave the party if the agreement is approved, met twice with Peres yesterday. Sarid told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that Peres had attempted to persuade him to stay in the party, and had asked him to think it over for a few days. "So I'm thinking it over," Sarid said, though he made it clear that he would not change his decision.

Sarid asked that he was in constant contact with representatives of Mapam and the Citizens Rights Movement, and expected a left-wing opposition bloc of 10 seats to be formed.

Answering his critics yesterday evening, Peres denied that the Labour Party was "breaking up" over the national unity government. "In a democratic institution, the minority must accept the decisions of the majority," Peres said.

The Mapam bureau met last night and decided to recommend to the party's central committee that Mapam leave the Alignment as soon as the national unity government is established. The central committee will meet on Sunday afternoon.

The UKM speakers were almost evenly divided during yesterday's intense four-hour debate. MK Avraham Katz-Oz called for opposition to the agreement, while MK Ya'acov Tsur (the UKM's likeliest candidate for a cabinet post) and Edna Solodar were in favour of supporting it.

A group of Labour MKs, among them Abner Harel, Menahem Hachohen, Hava Arad, Dov Ben-Meir and Elyahu Speiser, yesterday sent a telegram to party leader Shimon Peres calling on him to include MK Abba Eban in the cabinet. In their telegram, the MKs quoted words Peres himself had used in a recent interview, when he said that Eban should have a "senior policy making position."

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Sharon: Bar-Lev testimony hurt state

By WALTER RUBY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent NEW YORK. — Ariel Sharon said yesterday that former chief of general staff Haim Bar-Lev gave testimony to the Israeli Supreme Court "that was used against the State of Israel."

In the final day of the pre-trial deposition in Sharon's libel suit against *Time* magazine, Sharon was asked by *Time* lawyer Stuart Gold whether he felt that Bar-Lev, whom Gold intimated he might call as a witness in the trial, was an anti-Semite.

Sharon replied: "Bar-Lev is not an anti-Semite but his testimony that Eilon Moreh is not important to Israel from a security viewpoint... was used by Arab lawyer Elias Khoury against the State of Israel."

Sharon added that Bar-Lev's testimony in the Eilon Moreh case was contrary to what Bar-Lev had said when he was chief of general staff — that the lands of Judea and Samaria are important to the security of Israel.

The Sharon-*Time* trial is set to begin on October 29.

U.S. vetoes anti-Israel vote in Security Council

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and Agencies

NEW YORK. — The U.S. yesterday vetoed a UN Security Council resolution demanding that Israeli troops in South Lebanon "lift all restrictions and obstacles to the restoration of normal conditions in the areas under their occupation."

The vote on the resolution was 14-1. The resolution, submitted by eight non-aligned members of the council, also called for an end to the Israeli occupation of South Lebanon.

The U.S. delegation had reportedly warned Lebanon from the beginning of the debate on the Israeli occupation that it would veto any one-sided resolution that failed to call for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

The sources here contend that the Lebanese were under intense Syrian pressure to stand firm for a resolution focusing exclusively on Israel, even at the cost of a U.S. veto.

Father asks Herzog: Find out if son is alive

The father of a Druse soldier who was taken prisoner by the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine yesterday asked President Herzog to try to find out whether his son is alive.

Samir Rishon (Staff Sergeant) Samir Assad was captured by the DFLP in South Lebanon last year, but the terrorist organization admitted to holding the soldier only in April.

The DFLP maintains Assad was killed in an Israeli bombing raid on its headquarters on Palm Island off Lebanon in June. But Israeli military sources have said Assad was not on the island and is still alive.

Samir's father, Mahmud Assad, spoke with Herzog yesterday when the president visited Druse leader Sheikh Amin Tarif in Julis. Herzog promised to look into the matter.

Bail for shop owner who didn't pay tax

TEL AVIV (Item). — A shoe seller from Rehov Neve Shanan, Tel Aviv's celebrated shoe-shop area, admitted yesterday in Tel Aviv Magistrates Court that he had not paid income tax since he opened his shop in May 1982.

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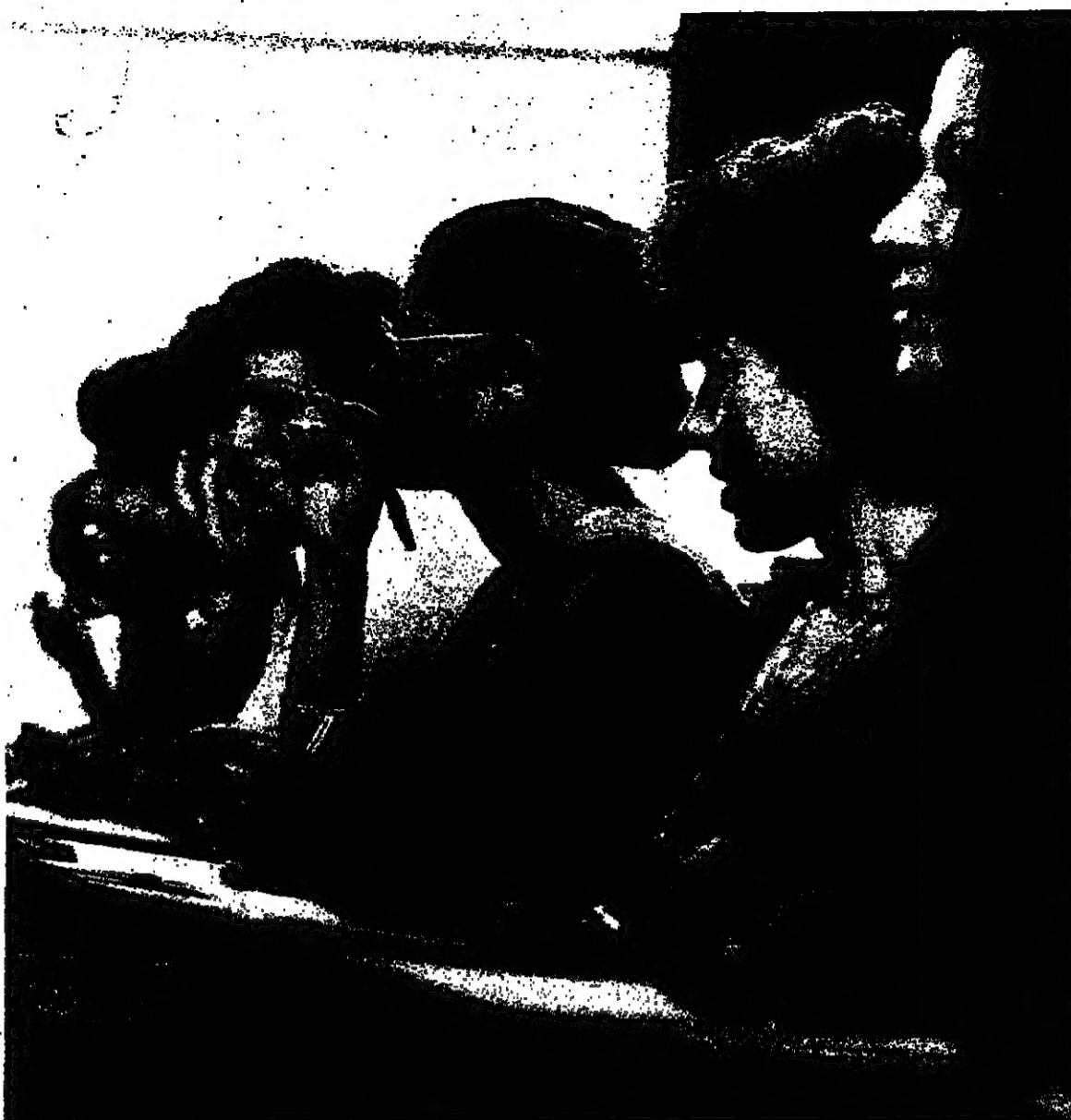
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UNIVERSITIES IN CRISIS

The Post's David Krivine looks at the plight of higher education



THE UNIVERSITIES say they are on the verge of closing down. Is that an empty threat? It has been made before, last December to be precise. A rescue operation was put together.

It consisted of three parts: an agreed downward budget adjustment; a hike in student fees; and a voluntary wage sacrifice by the academic staff (minus 6 per cent for seniors, minus 5 per cent for juniors).

The three points were agreed by the universities and their paymaster, the Treasury, which supplies two-thirds of their annual revenue. But the crisis did not end then; in fact that is when it properly began.

Dr. Yoram Dinstein, rector of Tel Aviv University and chairman of the committee of heads of universities, explains: "Only the last of the three points was applied, the wage reduction for academic staff. The other two were ignored."

How does a government ignore a signed commitment? Concerning the budget, Israel Bar-Gil, the man in charge of administration at the Hebrew University says: "Theoretically the Treasury's agreed contribution was supplied on the nail, but its value was watered down by inflation. The depreciated money that we received in that same December under the budget for 1983/84 landed the Hebrew University with a deficit for that year of \$3 million."

"The aggravation continues this year. The Finance Ministry's allocations for 1984/85 were based on the assumption that inflation would amount to 10 per cent a month. It has turned out to average 14 per cent, and we have been rendered penniless. Bills are piling up that we can't pay."

The situation could be remedied if at least the second point in the agreement had been carried out, but it was not either. Simha Landau, director-general of the Higher Education Council (HEC): "Study fees are \$600 a year. Doubling them, as the Treasury proposed, would have brought in \$36 million of extra revenue [the students number 60,000]."

"An interest-free loan facility would have been introduced for those who can't afford the extra expense. Let's assume that all the students draw on the loan. The cost to the authorities is 10 per cent a year, or \$3.6 million. That would still leave an extra revenue of over \$30 million."

But the students' fees were not increased. How come? Dinstein again: "The students would only agree to 30 per cent extra. The Treasury were obstinate, they wouldn't budge from their 100 per cent. Meanwhile the Knesset was dissolved, new elections were announced, and the subject was shelved."

AVRAHAM SNAPIRI and Issy Kaplan of the Treasury's Budget Division are not one whit dismayed. Why have the universities been penalized more than anybody else by budgetary economics? "Because they carried the biggest layer of fat, there was more wasteful expenditure to be scraped off."

The scraping began, gently at first, 10 years ago; and at the beginning, university men now admit, looking back - it led to a necessary belt-tightening. Professor Haim Elata, rector of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: "We fired external teachers, forcing our permanent staff to take on a bigger work load. We cancelled compulsory physical education."

Bar-Gil in Jerusalem: "We cut subsidies to the student bodies, we reduced the number of scholarships, we increased the rent charged our canteens. We closed down the drivers' pool, people must henceforth drive their own tenders. We collected study fees more rigorously."

Attempts were made to swell revenue from outside sources. "In the last three years," says Bar-Gil, "donations to the Hebrew University's endowment fund have sug-

mented enough to raise its yield from \$7 million a year to \$10 million."

All that helps, but the deficit still gaps wide, and some of the economies made have the savour of desperate improvisations. Elata: "Two years ago we set up in Beersheba a Social Welfare Department with 30 students. Last year another batch of 30 were admitted. But we can't take on any more this year unless the staff is expanded - and we haven't the money."

"There's a sore lack of social workers in the south and the responsible agencies are appalled at this sudden freeze. A lot of the students' field work is done in those self-same institutions - municipalities, old-age homes, psychiatric hospitals. Happily, the institutions agreed to provide the field-work teaching for nothing."

"In other words part of our programme will be financed indirectly by the Labour Ministry, the Health Ministry, the local authorities, etc. As a result we are able to accept 30 more students. But can this situation go on? Is the university to live on charity?"

In most areas there is no such charity and the freeze halts development. B-G University cannot afford to open a Department of Computer Sciences. TAU cannot afford the heavy investment necessary to enter the field of genetic engineering. Scholars are switching from applied to theoretical research. According to a report by the HEC, "Obsolete equipment is liable to lead to latent unemployment for scientists and to non-competitive scientific research."

Professors tend to do their creative work abroad. They seek opportunities in foreign universities during the summer vacation, and good scientists are snapped up. Research inside the country is done on behalf of the organizations which pay for it.

Result: a "knowledge drain" to foreign states, mainly the U.S. and West Germany, who commission work in Israel's money-starved laboratories.

The HEC sums up the statistics. In the last decade the number of students in Israel's seven universities has grown by 30 per cent; whereas the number of academic staff posts has shrunk by 3 per cent and non-academic personnel (administrative and the like) by 11 per cent.

In 1973 higher education took 7.9 per cent of the total state budget (excluding defence and debt service); in 1983 only 4.4 per cent.

DETERIORATION continues. The Treasury's budget allocation has declined in the last two years by between one-fifth and one-quarter, as follows: a 5 per cent reduction in 1983, an 8 per cent reduction in 1984, and a process of erosion (during the current period of three-digit inflation) which has shaved off a sum amounting to 7 or 12 per cent, depending on whom you ask.

The universities should have slashed their outlays by a corresponding amount but failed to do so, building up debts to the sum of \$60 million, and the losses are still mounting up. "Tel Aviv University is losing a million dollars a month," Dinstein exclaims.

Are the institutions right to take such risks? Formally, of course, they are to blame; in practice they were misled by precedents. Elata: "People tell me, don't worry about accumulating debts, that is how Israel was built up. In the end the government pays off the deficits to wipe the slate clean, so those who stick conscientiously to their original budgets are the losers."

"Besides," he adds, "the Treasury itself goes into the red every day of the week by printing money on an enormous scale. It seems to be urging us to follow its example."

The state administration have a

point in arguing that if budgets are not scrupulously observed they become meaningless. But when the budget itself is eroded by inflation, nothing can prevent accounts from running into deficit. Bar-Gil: "As long as they tell us how much money we have been allocated, they can expect us to live within our means. But when the money is allowed to depreciate before it reaches us, we are faced with a chaotic situation. This business legitimizes deficits," he cries.

Leaving deficits aside, is it good for the government to force retrenchment on the universities? The answer is, it depends. If the cuts are used to eliminate waste, they are beneficial; and it is easy to demonstrate that there is plenty of waste around.

The biggest waste is tenure. Senior lecturers and professors cannot be fired. Instructors can be - and are - dismissed under the present squeeze (thus clogging up academics point out, the supply of future lecturers). But the grades with permanency are irremovable. And not only that - the departments they run are locked into existence for all eternity.

The Technion contains 22 departments. They should be merged into five, but who will take that kind of decision? "We are not Elscint," one of the rectors observes, "I can't run the university like the owner of a business company. The senate is made up of professors, and each one is determined to retain his department intact. He thinks it's the most important that ever was."

TREASURY people are convinced that financial restriction, if applied remotely, will force the universities to make the closures and effect the dismissals whether they like it or not. Dinstein thinks all this is a load of nonsense. Not because it

cannot be done, but because the gain achieved by such painful surgery would be piddling.

Savings have been made already: "We were spurred to economize for the last 10 years; but there is a limit. Do you know what it takes to achieve tenure? Three years for a BA, two years for an MA, two years for a doctorate, after which a post-doctorate phase may be needed before he becomes a lecturer."

"Three to five years as a lecturer, and only then does he achieve tenure. He still can't relax, he must 'publish or perish.' Without serious research, he won't get his professorship. If after all that a few weaker souls flinch at the end of the day, it's a price we must pay."

Then the departments. "Which sections do the critics want us to close? Not those supplying qualified mechanical engineers, electronics engineers, research scientists. We are, on the contrary, bidden to step up the supply of technologists."

The studies that are supposed to be reduced, they say, are the humanities. Neither Dinstein nor any of the other academics I consulted would agree to curtail the intake of students abruptly by official fiat. It is possible to encourage the choice of technological subjects by grants and subsidies. But those who want to concentrate on the humanities should not be dissuaded from doing so. These areas of study are the infrastructure of our civilization.

All institutions operating on a study, say, archeology in so many places? Would not two universities be enough? The might well be except that according to Dinstein the saving would be negligible. "You'll need the same lecture-hall space, the same number of teachers."

"The big expenditure lies in the departments that need expensive equipment, laboratory assistants and high ratio of teachers to stu-

dents. Big savings would be possible if they could be contracted. But they can't, these are the areas that need expanding."

CAN MONEY be saved any other way? There are the frequent sabbaticals (financed by two extra months of pay each year for every academic); the free university education supplied to the children of staff members; the short teaching hours of professors.

Above all, there are the lavish benefits bestowed on holders of senior posts, as revealed dramatically by the state comptroller a week ago.

Sizeable economies can evidently be made. They would not, however, be enough on their own to solve the budgetary problem. Leaving aside the costly special contracts concluded with big-name personalities, academic earnings at the rank-and-file level do not deviate markedly from the norms prevalent for highly-qualified groups in other spheres of the national life.

Existing university salary scales - including sabbaticals and whatever additional privileges there are - do not suffice to attract all the lecturers

needed in the engineering and other technological faculties at the present time. The government has had to club together with the country's industry in order to supplement these pay-packets with an extra bonus.

If all wages could be scaled down in Israel, according to the recommendation last week by Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, governor of the Bank of Israel, that living standards be lowered by 10 per cent, the academics would have to comply. An economy measure on that scale would certainly transform the situation, putting all university accounts in the black.

But that is a dream for the possible future. As things stand, Professor Dinstein is of the opinion that there is no fat left to cut in the universities, only flesh. Whether he is right or wrong, the fact of the matter is that cuts are being made in the flesh. The present financial stringency affects not just essentials like the operation of departments, the research facilities offered, and the development of new activities, without which a university languishes.

Could not the problem be solved by introducing that long-expected boost in study fees? It could, were it not that the Treasury wants the revenue from the increase to be poured into their own coffers. As they see it, a rise of \$30 million in student fees should permit a reduction of \$30 million in the taxpayers' contribution to higher education.

There is a double-play here, allowing the Treasury to have it both ways. When academic salaries were stepped up sharply in December 1982, consequent on a recommendation by the Rieger committee of arbitration in a wage dispute, the Treasury (discontented with the committee's verdict) took refuge behind the argument that, as the government covers only two-thirds of the universities' budgets, it should finance only two-thirds of the controversial wage rise.

The universities could argue reciprocally that, when study fees are put up, they should be entitled in their turn to retain one-third of the increase, to ease their financial plight.

THE FINANCIAL crisis is unfortunately so grave that such tactical skirmishes have ceased to be relevant. The facts of the matter are, one, that there are no set rules about the extent of government participation, and two, that the Treasury's technique of cutting funds and hoping that will eliminate waste does not work.

All institutions operating on a costs-plus basis, including the government itself, waste money, and all should mend their ways. But that is a long-term process, it will not happen tomorrow; and the problem facing the universities has to be solved tomorrow.

The problem is, according to Elata: how much higher education does the country want? The answer depends on the order of priorities. Government expenditure goes into two channels, investment and consumption. Higher education is main-

ly investment, it promotes economic growth.

The money lost by El Al through the ban on Sabbath flights (which can be classified as consumption) would be enough to solve all the universities' problems. Alternatively, reducing the food subsidies (a little consumption again) would accomplish the same objective.

Let us assume, however, that consumption has been cut as far as the political system will allow and that the government is still in deficit in the coming months. The universities want at this moment, states Simha Landau, a refund of the money they have lost through the erosion caused by inflation. That means a budget increase of 7 per cent.

In addition they require for the future a 3 per cent increase per annum over the next five years just to keep pace with expected rise in the student population. That stipulation is made by the Planning and Grants Committee of the HEC headed by Professor Haim Harari of the Weizmann Institute.

Assuming the universities cannot get the increase because the money is not there - a likely eventuality when there is talk of slashing overall Treasury expenditure by \$1 billion, the system will face two alternatives. One is to stay at its present size but function inefficiently, for lack of equipment and for lack of the ability to grow at critical points where growth is needed.

The other alternative is to reduce the extent of higher education in Israel by taking in less students, dismissing tenure-holding academic staff and closing redundant facilities as the Technion now threatens to do. It is a painful operation; but, if properly planned, it can permit the universities to work efficiently on a smaller scale.

A rector who wishes to be naïfless concludes that there is only one way of making a big cut. A special high-level government-appointed committee should be given the power to draw up a five-year plan for university education, which lay down in the smallest detail how many students will be accepted, how many teachers employed; which academic slots shall remain and which shall be abolished; which departments are to stay, which to be merged and which to be closed down.

WHAT HAS THE government said? It appointed a committee of cabinet ministers to examine the problem. The committee made recommendations on June 26: that allocations be increased by \$10 million-\$12 million to compensate for inflation (as Landau suggested); that a commission be appointed by the Treasury and the HEC to make a long-term plan for the liquidation of the deficits. The commission was to report within two months.

The cabinet sat on July 8, accepted one of the recommendations, and ordered the appointment of a commission. It made no mention of increasing budgetary allocations. The commission was to report in two months.

At the time of writing, one-and-a-half months have elapsed. The members of the commission have not been nominated yet.

SHIMON PERES' treatment of Abba Eban in the matter of the Knesset speakership was little short of shameful.

Of course, there were extenuating circumstances. Peres was dead tired, as every TV viewer in the country plainly saw. And he had his mind on other things.

But that cannot excuse this latest lapse by Peres into his unsavoury trait of being all things to all men - in this case two men, Eban and Shlomo Hillel, who are among his longest and most loyal supporters.

In the plenary this week, Eban's subtle and engaging wit provoked gales of appreciative laughter. But many MKs it seemed, on both sides of the House, were laughing at the louder to conceal their sense of embarrassment - and, yes, loss, over Labour's blundering, stupid failure to put up its obvious and natural candidate for the speakership.

Now that the unity government is assured, it is clear - and key Likud MKs confirm it - that with a little more deftness and patience on Peres' part, Israel's most famous living statesman could have been elected Speaker by a virtually unanimous vote.

EBAN SWALLOWED his first taste of Peres' special brand of political pragmatism earlier in the year, when he learned from the media that his position as "shadow foreign minister" had been transferred to Yitzhak Navon.

Then, admittedly, Peres had a good excuse. The Labour Party itself, as he sheepishly explained to

UNFAIR TO EBAN

By DAVID LANDAU

the mortified Eban after the event, is a coalition; and he as its leader, seeking to lead it to electoral victory, must take care to satisfy the various components, even if this involves some nastiness at times.

When the acting speakership landed in his lap so unexpectedly, Eban fought with vigour to beat off the lingering challenges of Yosef Burg and Eliezer Shostak. And he did so astutely, for, as all those who know him can attest, nothing was further from his mind at that time than submitting his own candidacy for the permanent position.

That only evolved later, as he watched all prospects of significant cabinet office slipping from his grasp - whether in a unity cabinet constellation or in a narrow coalition. The logic that had dislodged him from the shadow foreign ministership - coalition exigencies - seemed to continue to work against him.

Moreover - and here's the rub - he was encouraged by Shimon Peres himself to consider the speakership, or so, at any rate, he had good reason to believe. Party Secretary-General Haim Bar-Lev broached

the matter with him. Two close confidants of Peres followed up this overture in what seemed to Eban to be a concerted effort by the leadership to get him to run.

Indeed, Peres undertook to discuss Eban's candidacy with Shamir last Friday, and see if it could become a part of the unity package. And after the meeting Peres reported back that Shamir's initial response had not been negative - though obviously he would have to consult with his party colleagues.

THE ONE MAN with whom Peres failed to discuss Eban's candidacy was the man who had already declared his own candidacy, Shlomo Hillel. This despite Eban's urging, in his letter to Peres accepting nomination, that the party leader clear it with Hillel.

Unknown to Eban - who, let's face it, has never been much of a party politician - Hillel had by this time obtained promises of support for himself from many faction members, among them some who, given the choice, would probably have preferred Eban. But they were not given the choice. By the time Eban

entered the ring, the fight was virtually over.

Peres, indefatigable, apparently unperturbed and imperturbable, seems to have shrugged off the whole unpleasant episode - learning nothing in the process.

After stuffing the Labour Knesset list with phalanxes of faceless apparitions - and having paid the electoral price for it - he seems set to follow the same course in shaping Labour's cabinet contingent in the unity government. The result: Eban is left doing what he's worst at - scrambling for a place and vying with thicker-skinned and more adroit colleagues.

A LEADING Likud MK said privately this week that the Knesset's loss of Eban as Speaker was a loss to the nation as a whole. His three brief days in the Speaker's chair had convinced the House that, had he been its chairman, its prestige and standing would have soared above the present nadir.

"He is a giant among us," the Likud man said. And he wasn't making an after-dinner valedictory. He meant it.

Now, said this MK, it seemed to him "inconceivable" that Peres would omit Eban from his cabinet team. "That's the least he can do. Good grace and common decency demand it."

It's good to know that in the Likud, at least the MKs have high expectations of the man who is now to be their prime minister.

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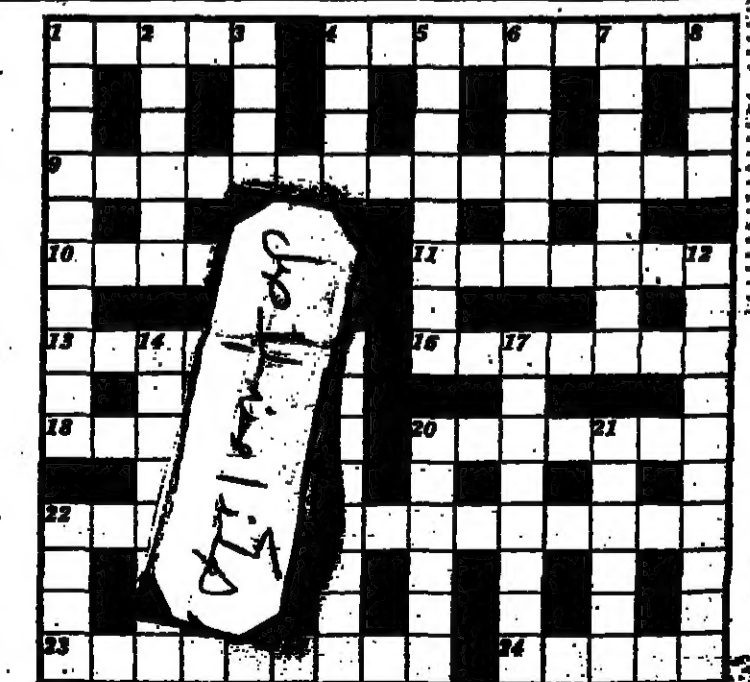
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ACROSS

- Copy No. 1000110001100, written in Latin (5)
- Makes us drink when working (8)
- We hear Hugh's not seen to suffer from this disability (6-9)
- Took steps to get on in the army (7)
- Trying to find out if it's right, examiner doing this (7)
- Made dough in an underhand way, as it were? (7)
- Notes aren't needed if one says so (7)
- Played after cutting round them (7)
- Throw one of these parties, out of good humour! (7)
- Turn from the house, could it be said? That's the law (3, 2, 10)
- Left the subject being discussed (9)
- Flanks the teams (5)

DOWN

- Produces potential headaches attempting to form unions (10)
- Powders his ears, being stoned! (6)
- Bent before spring, usually (8)
- Paid for acting partially in a criminal manner (6)
- Show price-ring this! (8)
- Manages to keep out of the way of weird eastern duels (6)
- Old copper let Eric off, being very run down (8)
- Bones found in a cage (4)
- Some grates explode, being filled with fuel (10)
- Anything that is likely to thrill you (8)
- One does hope it's gone away! (8)
- Holds seat in an unusual position (6)
- Draw from the gentleman crackman, a pole (6)
- Fought a joust on the level? No! (6)
- Staggered up with lascivious look to top man on paper (6)
- Old tag educated inside! (4)



'Quickie'

ACROSS

- Becomes pale (5)
- Wandered idly about (9)
- E.g., deputy (6-2-7)
- A breather (7)
- One stealing cattle (7)
- A mental process (7)
- Takes long steps (7)
- To lower in rank (7)
- High-ranking churchman (7)
- A crime (8, 2, 5)
- Continues, despite adversity (7, 3)
- Sum (5)

DOWN

- Baffled, or thwarted (10)
- Backward schoolboys (8)
- Moving sneakily (6)
- To hit (6)
- Fabulous beasts (8)
- Vagrants (6)
- Ordered back (8)
- Act (4)
- Showing proper esteem (10)
- Co-ordinate, or arrange (8)

15 Intrude on another's land (8)

- A garment (6)
- They act for others (6)
- Sub-atomic particle (6)
- A good-luck charm (6)
- Fish (4)

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Include woman in cabinet

NEARLY all of the long weeks of haggling and of jostling for position which characterize the Israeli government-forming process are usually devoted to interminable discourse of the main divisive issues and to the division of power and of cabinet seats between the participating parties.

The assignment of specific portfolios to individual politicians is usually rushed through in the final 48 hours of negotiations, often just up to the deadline for the presentation of the new government to the Knesset.

This pattern is being repeated again this time around. One can justly assert that much too much time has been wasted over discussing the issues and the feinting for advantage. But again, far too little attention has been paid to the qualities of the men and women who are to be appointed to implement the coalition agreements as members of the cabinet and holders of ministerial portfolios.

Many of the abject failures of the outgoing Likud government can be attributed to abysmally bad judgement in regard to ministerial appointments, rather than just to bad policies. Former premier Menachem Begin's final surrender to Ariel Sharon's demands to be appointed Defence Minister, after resisting them for years, is a case in point.

The harm that bad judgement caused Israel in the Lebanon war can only be matched by the harm caused by another fatally mistaken appointment—that of Yoram Aridor to the Treasury.

The upshot of which is that Messrs Peres and Shamir should be more careful than their predecessors in the recent past in the appointments they will make and will resist making in the next few days.

Political realities dictate that the main power wielders in both major parties will have to be included in the overextended cabinet that is the fruit of the negotiations just ended. But that should not remain the sole consideration.

It may well be that Mr. Shamir's political constraints will make it impossible to exclude Sharon from the cabinet, which is a bitter pill to swallow. But it would be the height of irony if the Likud's second catastrophe, Yoram Aridor, would also be given a post in a unity cabinet whose raison d'être is the rescue of the national economy from the abyss which he has been so instrumental in digging.

What is needed, is that after the Moloch of political pressures and seniority demands has been paid his due, attention be given to the need for personal competence and for fresh new ideas and personalities in rounding out the Peres cabinet.

This is a claim that should be addressed especially to Labour. It is essential, both for the performance of the cabinet and for Labour's own electoral future that one or two younger people of proven competence with novel approaches be advanced to the cabinet.

Of all the multitude of other claims for sectoral inclusion in the cabinet, the one that is most justified but stands the greatest danger of being shunted aside, is the demand for the naming of at least one competent woman minister.

It should be unthinkable that a party, such as Labour that gets so much support from women voters, and which in the past was in the forefront of the drive to incorporate women in the front ranks of Israel's politics should, upon returning to power, exclude them from the inner sanctum of the power structure—the cabinet.

Conflict of interest

AVRAHAM SHAPIRA, acting chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, walked out of Wednesday's meeting in a huff. The committee had been discussing the payment of \$150 billion in aid to exporters, and Mapam's Ya'ir Tsaban, seconded by some other committee members, suggested that Shapira, whose firm of Carmel Carpets stood to gain from the measure, had a conflict of interest.

Mr. Shapira, who also serves as chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Bank of Israel—oblivious to the repeated criticism that this too constitutes a conflict of interest—retorted angrily that the motion would pass without his vote. And so it did.

But he also threatened to make public a list of Knesset members who are silent partners in business enterprises and deals—whose secret nature made them all the more unethical.

At least two members came to Mr. Shapira's defence: Avraham Verdiger of Morasha, who asserted that "the Knesset is not the Holy Temple," and Liberal Yitzhak Seyger, who maintained that every committee member has a personal interest in the matters that are brought before it, e.g., the government's subsidizing of electricity. What an analogy!

Messrs Shapira, Verdiger, and Seyger seem to have forgotten that the Knesset last year adopted a code of ethics for MKs, which took effect on December 1, 1983. Article 6 of the code is pertinent to the case at hand.

It requires any MK who has a personal interest in a debate or a vote, in the plenum or in committee, to reveal this immediately to the ethics committee and also to the Knesset Speaker or the committee chairman, in accordance with the circumstances. Such a member may not participate in such debate unless he first announces his personal interest in the subject and, in committees, he may not take part in the vote.

It is true that Mr. Shapira did open his remarks by saying, "As an exporter..." and he is thus in the clear in that respect. But he had every intention of voting on the measure, and only the objection of other members led him to change his mind.

By all means let Mr. Shapira publicize his list. It would certainly be a contribution to moral hygiene. If he has second thoughts about going that far, let him submit the list to the Knesset ethics committee. (Chairman Eitan Livni was not re-elected to the Knesset, and neither was Eliezer Avnati. One of the first tasks of the new Speaker will be to replace them on the four-man committee, the two remaining members of which are Shlomo Hillel and Elazar Granot.)

But Mr. Shapira's implication that he is doing only what all Knesset members do is disconcerting for another reason. Just as it is the prophetic ideal that the Jews be a light unto the nations, is it not the ideal of Orthodox Jews to serve as a model for others, rather than imitate their doubtful practices?

A cautious strategy

By WOLF BLITZER

ISRAELI OFFICIALS and American Jewish leaders in Washington are already wondering about a second-term Reagan administration. This is quite understandable given President Ronald Reagan's substantial lead over Democratic challenger Walter Mondale in virtually all of the public opinion polls two months before the November 6 contest.

Polls, of course, can be wrong. Reagan could slip between now and election day, and Mondale might yet wind up as president. Many observers in Washington still recall Jimmy Carter's come-from-behind victory over incumbent Gerald Ford in 1976. There have been many other political upsets over the years.

Reagan's advisers are trying to avoid a sense of over-confidence in their campaign. They do not want to take anything for granted.

Mondale's organization is going all out to re-establish the traditional Democratic Party coalition of blue-collar union workers, blacks, urban liberals, Jews, women and others. A high voter turnout, they believe, will help them defeat Reagan.

In this regard, they are especially anxious to see the Rev. Jesse Jackson and other black leaders register and then bring large numbers of blacks to the polls, especially in the South.

Still, most observers in Washington believe, a Reagan re-election must still be regarded as most likely.

Thus, some serious questions are being asked about Reagan's policies towards Israel and the Arab states during a second four-year term.

INTERVIEWS in recent days with Israeli diplomats, key Reagan foreign-policy strategists, State Department career foreign service officers, and other knowledgeable sources suggest that a second term is likely to result in "more of the same"—meaning continued strong U.S. support for Israel as a strategically and morally important ally but often tempered by diplomatic overtures to the Arabs, including increased arms

sales to them.

There is also a widespread consensus in Washington that Reagan and his team will avoid any new diplomatic initiatives in the Middle East, at least for the time being.

Reagan's 1982 peace plan remains on the books. The State Department formally reaffirmed support for it on its second anniversary. However, the changing situation on the ground as well as the political uncertainty in Israel and the continuing reluctance of Jordan and other "moderate" Arab states to step forward decisively in support of the plan have temporarily—perhaps even permanently—shelved it.

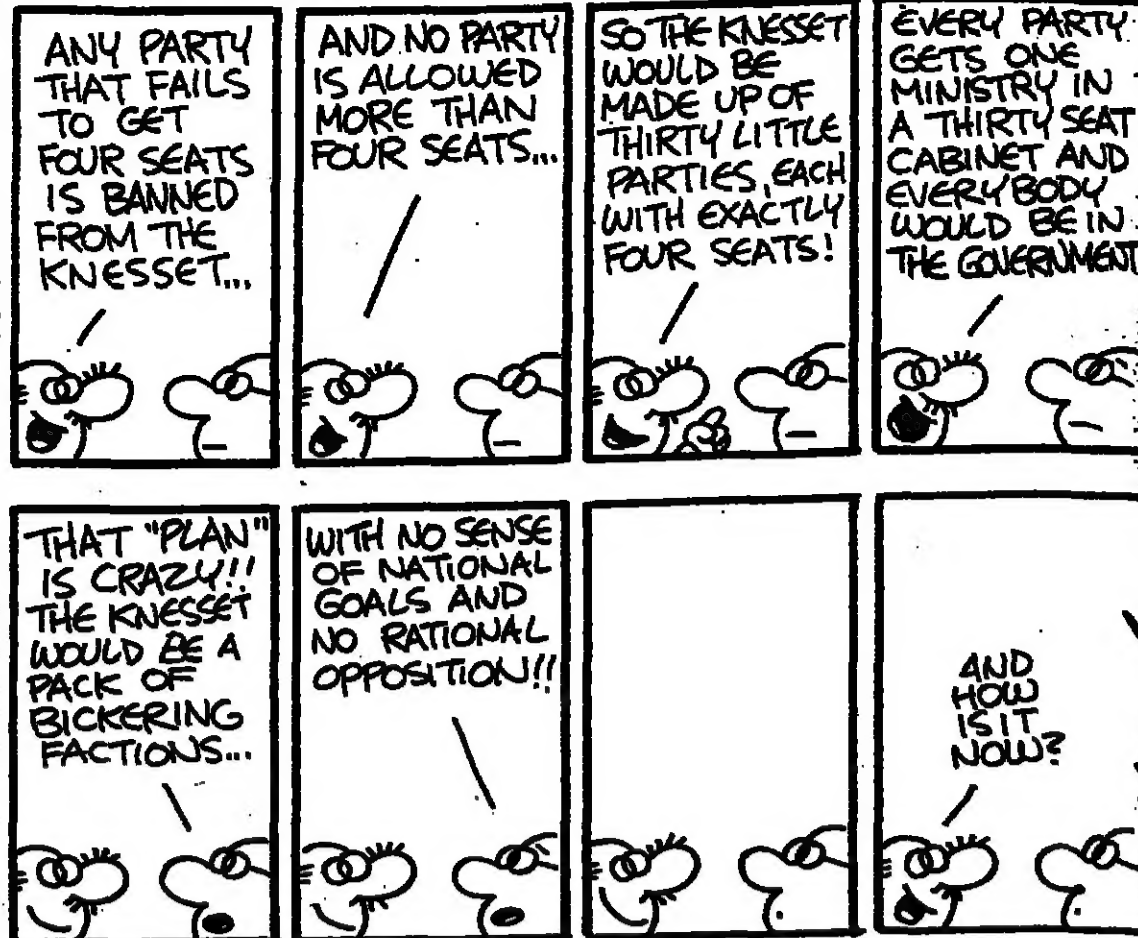
"U.S. policy," an informed U.S. official has predicted, "will be strictly reactive, rather than innovative. The President was burned badly in Lebanon and in his peace plan. He has no intention of falling into the same trap once again. The Middle East will not be a high-profile policy during a second term."

The official and others have noted that the continued availability of oil and the removal of U.S. troops from Lebanon have automatically tended to remove the Arab-Israeli conflict from the top of the U.S. foreign policy agenda. There are other more pressing problems, especially the state of east-west relations and arms limitation talks.

FOR REAGAN, moreover, the primary item on his plate has always been domestic economics. This is the area in which he feels most comfortable, and the bulk of his personal time will again be devoted to improving the U.S. economy. During a second term, special emphasis will be given to reducing the federal deficit and moving toward a balanced budget, according to White House officials.

Still, Israeli officials recognize that there will be pressure on the president once again to take up the Middle East question. This pressure will come from Saudi Arabia and other Arab states, and will then be reinforced by State Department spe-

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cialists on the Middle East.

No one in Washington is ruling out the possibility of a crisis which could once again thrust the Arab-Israeli conflict to the top of Reagan's decision-making process. But barring such an emergency, it is not expected that Reagan will go out of his way to revive interest in the Middle East. He is painfully aware of its political and military pitfalls.

Israeli officials are under no illusions that there has been any real shift in long-standing U.S. positions on the major issues. Reagan is still against settlements on the West Bank even if he refuses to brand them as illegal. He still favours an eventual territorial withdrawal from most of the West Bank and Gaza. East Jerusalem is still regarded as occupied territory and the U.S. embassy—during a Reagan administration—will remain in Tel Aviv.

U.S. and Israeli officials do agree that friction could arise over U.S. arms sales to the Arab states. Saudi Arabia, in particular, has already made it known that it wants many more advanced weapons, including additional F-15 fighters, AWACS

surveillance aircraft, Stinger and Sidewinder missiles.

Such sales are expected to be delayed until after the November election. But the pressure from the Pentagon, the actual U.S. defence contractors who make the equipment and stand to make a handsome profit if they are sold, the State Department, and the Arabs themselves is likely to result in some new sales, which Israel and its friends in the American Jewish community and on Capitol Hill can be expected to oppose.

This is by no means an unusual feature of the American-Israeli relationship. There were many similar rifts over U.S. arms sales to Arabs in the past, including the highly acrimonious 1978 F-15 "package" sale to Saudi Arabia and the 1981 AWACS sale. The accompanying debates generated very real friction in the U.S.-Israeli ties.

The U.S. is expected to revive its efforts to mollify Israel by "sweetening the pot" after such sales. In effect, this means increasing economic and military assistance to Israel

and strengthening the strategic relationship between the two countries.

IF REAGAN is re-elected and if George Shultz remains Secretary of State—as it is now expected—the U.S. will devote a considerable amount of time to worrying about Israel's economic situation. Israeli economic officials at the embassy in Washington are by no means opposed to such an active U.S. role. They welcome it as a potentially critical factor in coming to grips with some real solutions.

Democrats and other critics of the administration are warning that a second term Reagan presidency—one that could not seek re-election in 1988 because of the constitution's maximum two term restriction—would make maximum efforts to pressure Israel in various areas. A Mondale administration, they note, would still be limited by the political fact that he would presumably seek re-election in 1988 and therefore would be more restrained in leaning on Israel.

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READERS' LETTERS

EQUALITY FOR WOMEN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I find it very difficult to accept Dvora Waysman's comments of August 17 on "Women's role in Judaism."

The well-meaning, but apologetic sentiments of the Maharal of Prague are unfortunately lost in a mass of highly authoritative and derogatory Talmudic and Midrashic references to women. One cannot remedy the inequities against women by apologetics, but by squarely facing up to our forefathers' negative outlook on women.

Although ancient Judaism is in many ways religiously superior to our modern approach, we must reject in toto its traditional discrimination against women.

"Complete equality now for women" is the guideline of the Council for Equality in Judaism and any community that gives women the right to lead prayers, read Torah, wear a tallit and enjoy complete equality can be an associate of the council (telephone 02-662216 or 052-440684).

Ra'anana. BARRY PAGE

TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Roald Dahl is the author of *Tales of the Unexpected*, and also host of the same show that appears on Israel TV. Mr. Dahl's much publicized view that Hitler had reasons for exterminating the Jews makes his regular appearance on Israel TV more than a little infuriating. Why are we paying this man royalties when his views are known to many and I assume known to the programming directors of Israel TV?

PAUL KUSHNER Jerusalem.

The Israel Broadcasting Authority replies:

Roald Dahl wrote two books of *Tales of the Unexpected*, which served as a basis for the English series we broadcast. Nine series were broadcast and starting with the third, they were no longer based on Dahl's books, but were written by other authors. Each series consists of eight to 12 chapters. We are now broadcasting the ninth and last series which contains no story by Dahl.

YARDENA HAREL

INTEGRITY IS A MYTH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The Committee for the Integrity of the Jewish People (August 30) lambasts Rabbi Rakkhidi, President of Bar-Ilan University, for his reservations on the "Who is a Jewish rabbi" amendment.

The integrity—in the sense of undividedness—of the Jewish people is a myth, invented by politicians of the ultra-religious groups.

For the past six generations or more, Jewish couples in most countries of Europe and in the U.S. who wish to divorce have had to do so in the secular courts. A Jewish woman, having gone through this unpleasant, and often harrowing, experience could then attempt to obtain a bill of divorce from her husband through the rabbinical court. If she were loath to go through this further ordeal or the (former) husband refused the divorce, or the

rabbinical court belonged to a Reform congregation, and she remarried in a civil ceremony (or in a Reform Synagogue), her children and their children and children's children were considered by Orthodox Halacha as *mamzerim* who could not marry "pure" Jews. There must be today tens of thousands of *mamzerim* in Israel and hundreds of thousands in the U.S. and the Soviet bloc, where there are very few Orthodox rabbis.

A large proportion of present-day Jews do not care whether one of the parents, or even the great-grandparents of their intended bride or groom was the child of a Jewish divorcee who had married without having obtained a *get*. Neither do they care whether all of the female ancestors of the intended were born of a Jewish mother. Many other Jews do so care and make very sure that

the antecedents of their bride or groom are "impeccable." In other words—there already exists an insurmountable rift within the Jewish people which will not be healed even if only converts by an Orthodox rabbi will be considered Jews for the purpose of the Law of Return.

So much for the Committee for the Integrity of the Jewish People and for the sponsors of the bill whose arguments are sheer demagoguery.

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